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BIRTHS

ETINGOFF-LOURIE.—On April 1, 1940, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to Nina, wife of M. A. Etingoff-Lourie, a daughter, LUDMILA. -5512

HAYTER.—On April 2, 1940, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to Iris Marie, wife of W. G. Hayter, a daughter, TERESA MARGARET.

ENGAGEMENT

KEOGH-BERTHET.—The engagement is announced between PAUL GERARDE KEOGH, only son of the late Mr. Frank Charles Keogh of London and Mrs. W. A. Scott of Shanghai, China, and JEANNE LILLIAN, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Berthet of Shanghai, China. -5508

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NOTIFICATION No. 5227.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

VOTING PASSES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that voting passes are being forwarded by post to ratepayers entitled to vote at the Election of Members of the Council to be held on Wednesday and Thursday, April 10 and 11.

Voters who have not received their voting pass by the first post on Thursday morning, April 4, should apply immediately to the Deputy Treasurer—Revenue, No. 209 Kiangse Road (Telephone 12810—Ext. 27) for a duplicate pass. Application may also be made in person at Hongkew Police Station.

The poll will be opened on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, April 10 and 11 at 10 a.m. precisely, and will remain open continuously until 3 p.m. each day.

Polling will take place at the S.V.C. Drill Hall, Foochow Road and at the Hongkew Market, 2nd Floor.

Attention is drawn to the rule that voters must present their pass at the polling place in exchange for a voting paper.

The officials can not be responsible for any inconvenience to voters arising from the voters' failure to obtain the requisite voting pass prior to the date of the Election.

By order,
G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary and Commissioner General.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Shanghai, April 2, 1940.

THE SHANGHAI-EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twentyfirst Ordinary General Meeting of the Shanghai Exploration & Development Co., Ltd., will be held at the office of the General Agents, No. 1, The Bund, Shanghai, on Friday, April 26, 1940, at 11.45 a.m. for the purposes following, namely:—

To receive and consider the Annual Statement of Accounts and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
To declare a Dividend.
To elect Directors.
To elect Auditors.
To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The transfer books and register of Members of the Company will be closed from April 17, to April 26, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,
GEORGE McBAIN,
General Agents.

Shanghai, April 2, 1940.

Change of Address

WOODCRAFT WORKS LIMITED

Removed as from April 1, 1940 to their new offices at 346, Szechuen Road, Room 900, Liza Building Telephone 13170, 13178, 13179 11784

The British Egg Packing & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., Town Office, will remove on April 4, 1940, to 9 Quai de France, Suite 50. Telephone: 88580. -5456

To-day's Events

APRIL

3 Colours presented to Shanghai Russian Regiment (1932)
3 Government control of Bank of China (1935)
3 NCDN broadcast 12.45 and 9 p.m. XMHD 760kc. 395m.

Coming Events

APRIL

4 For. Y. Debate—"Religion Is The Opium Of The People."
4 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
4 S.W.A. Meeting, C.S.F., 4
4 Ballet Russe: 'Pavillon d'Armide,' by Tcherepnin and 'Scheherazade', by Rimsky-Korsakow, Lyceum, 9
5 R.A.F.A. Annual General Meeting, 'The Dome,' Closed Tiffin, 12.15
5 Recital by Mary Stewart, Lyc. 9.15
6 Ballet Russe: 'Pavillon d'Armide' and 'Scheherazade,' Lyceum, 9
7 Ballet Russe: 'Pavillon d'Armide' and 'Scheherazade,' Lyceum, 2.15 and 9
7 Municipal Orchestra Concert, Lyc., 5.15
8 SSPCA. ann. mtg., 51/17 Bund, 5.15
9 A.W.C. 'Appetizers,' Mrs. Morris, 4.30
10 B.U.S.C. visit to Telephone Co. Fukien Road, 5.30
10 Municipal Election
10 Signals Coy., S.V.C., Supper Dance
10 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
11 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
11 Royal Asiatic Society: Lecture
11 Municipal Election
11 Limbless Jumble Sale, U.C. Hall, 9.30
11 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
11 Concert Prof. Porgé, Princess Leüchtenberg, F. Adler, A.W.C. 9
12 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
13 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
13 Shai. Ladies' Hockey Assn. Dinner Dance, Masonic Hall, 9.30
15 Engineering Society Meeting, 5.45
16 L. Rosen's 30th Jubilee Gala, 'Fire Goddess,' Lt. Opera, Lyceum, 8.45
16 A.W.C. 'Sketching,' Mrs. Dunlap, 4.30
17 M. Paci and his 3 Pupils (Pianists) 4 Piano-Concertos with Orchestra, Lyceum, 9.15
18 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
18 Asiatic and Indian Dances by Slavina-Brown and Indira-Devi, Lyc., 9
19 Soc. Chart. Accountants ann. dinner, Shanghai Club.
20 Amer. School Orchestra, AVLA 8.30, 1st Concert. Maestro: Prof. Porgé
23 A.W.C. Music Dept. Programme 4.30
25 Cradle Bridge/Mahjongg, S.I.B.C., 3
29 Song Recital, Lisa Robitchek, with F. Adler, H. Margolinski, A.W.C., 9
30 A.W.C. Bridge/Mahjongg, 3

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NOTICE

RECREATION GROUND

(RACE COURSE ENCLOSURE)

GOLF PAVILION

Damage to and/or theft of Golf Clubs, etc.

Locker renters are notified that golf gear was, on the night of March 31, damaged and/or stolen from the above premises.

To assist the Municipal Police, locker renters are requested to visit the pavilion at their earliest convenience, for purposes of investigation and identification of golf gear.

By Order,
Recreation Ground Committee of Management.
L. J. HUGHES, *Secretary.*

Shanghai, April 1, 1940. 11750

THE AYER TAWAH RUBBER PLANTATION CO., LTD.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Directors have declared an Interim Dividend for the year ending September 30, 1940, of Twenty Cents per Share (Local Currency) on the issued capital of the Company, payable on April 10, 1940, to Shareholders on the Register at that date.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from April 4 to April 10, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

THE GEDDES TRADING & DAIRY FARM CO., LTD.
Secretaries.

Shanghai, Mar. 27, 1940. 11629

NOTICE

Globe Wireless Ltd., has pleasure in announcing that, in response to a growing public appreciation, its services to the public have once again been extended by the opening of a new office for the reception and delivery of radiograms in Portland, Oregon, U.S.A., on Monday, March 25, 1940, at 6 a.m.

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YANGTSZEPOO BOWLING CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Shanghai Engineer's Club, 220 Szechuen Road, Thursday, April 4 at 6 p.m.

R. M. JORDAN.
Hon. Sec. and Treas. -5479

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirtieth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at No. 49 Szechuen Road, Shanghai on Thursday, April 11, 1940 at 11.45 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1939, declaring a Final Dividend, electing a Director and Auditors and transacting any other ordinary business.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from April 4 to April 11, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. A. WATTIE & CO., LTD.,
Secretaries and General Managers.

Shanghai, March 29, 1940. 11676

THE SUA MANGGIS RUBBER CO., LTD.

(Incorporated under the Companies' Ordinances, Hongkong).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirtieth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders in the above-named Company will be held at No. 49 Szechuen Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, April 3, 1940 at 11.45 a.m. for the following purposes:—

To receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1939, to declare a dividend, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from March 27 to April 3, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. A. WATTIE & CO., LTD.,
Secretaries and General Managers.

Shanghai, March 20, 1940. 11493

NOTICE

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NOTIFICATION No. 5226

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND A LAND COMMISSIONER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following persons have been proposed and seconded, and have given their written consent to serve, if elected, as members of the Council for the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai for the Municipal Year 1940:

CANDIDATE	*PROPOSER*	*SECONDER*
N. F. ALLMAN	G. F. RICHARDSON	J. M. HYKES
J. W. CARNEY	J. FISTERE	J. T. S. REED
M. DEN	Y. HAYASHI	C. FUKUDA
G. A. HALEY	R. CALDER-MARSHALL	J. H. LIDDELL
Y. HANAWA	Y. HAYASHI	C. FUKUDA
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OTOICHI OKAMOTO	Y. HAYASHI	C. FUKUDA
T. S. POWELL	J. H. LIDDELL	T. G. DRAKEFORD

The poll will remain open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, April 10 and 11, 1940.

NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that Mr. R. D. K. Silby, having been duly proposed by Mr. A. W. Buck and seconded by Mr. W. Mellor, is, in accordance with Article VIA of the Land Regulations, considered to be elected a Land Commissioner for the Municipal Year 1940.

By Order,
G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary and Commissioner General.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Shanghai, April 2, 1940. 11789

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Third Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 1940, at 4.15 p.m. at the Registered Office of the Company, 20 Ningpo Road, Shanghai, for the following purposes:—

(1) To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts up to December 31, 1939.
(2) To elect a Director.
(3) To re-elect Auditors.
(4) To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from March 21 to April 3, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

B. D. TATA & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Shanghai, March 6, 1940. 11453

NOTICE

As from March 31, 1940, Mr. B. J. Lindskog, B.Sc., C.E., is no longer associated with the firm of

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WEATHER, TIME AND TIDE

Meteorological Reports	Apr. 1 16.00	Apr. 1 21.00	Apr. 2 4.00	Apr. 2 9.00
Barometer inches	29.94	29.95	29.84	29.84
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.04	—0.07	—0.17	—0.20
at 32 F. (" " 12 hrs.)	—0.07	—0.09	—0.10	—0.11
Wind (direction)	ENE	ENE	E	E
" (miles per hour)	5.0	9.3	14.9	13.1
Temperature (Fahr.)	56.°5	52.°0	50.°9	52.°0
Humidity %	83	96	100	99
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	10	10	10	10
Rainfall inches	—	—	0.08	0.50

Siccawei Abridged Report April 1	Mean 1940	24 hrs. variation	67 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	29.99	+0.02	30.07
Temp. Min. 49.°3 Max. 58.°8	54.°0	+2.°7	51.°6
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	9.63	—	7.64

Time and Tide	3/4	4/4	5/4	6/4	7/4	8/4	9/4
Sun rises at Shanghai	5.42	5.40	5.38	5.36	5.35	5.34	5.33
Sun sets at Shanghai	18.15	18.15	18.16	18.16	18.17	18.18	18.18
Moon rises at Shanghai	2.53	3.28	4.02	4.34	5.07	5.41	6.17
Moon sets at Shanghai	14.23	15.15	16.07	16.59	17.51	18.44	19.38
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	7.54	8.58	9.42	10.20	10.45	11.10	11.34
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18	12.08	13.24	14.15	15.02	15.36	16.10	16.40
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POST OFFICE NOTICES

The following times apply to the Head Post Office, Szechuen Road Bridge. Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is needed.

WEDNESDAY, April 3.	Reg.	Ord.
Ningbsien etc.	9.30	10.00
Hongkong and Haiphong	9.30	10.00
Chefoo and Tientsin	9.30	10.00
U.S.A. Canada and Europe via Pacific	A 17.00	19.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Wenchow	x 19.30	20.00
THURSDAY, April 4.		
Japan Korea via Nagasaki	*20.00	7.15
Amoy Swatow Canton	*20.00	7.30
Ningbsien etc. via Chinhai	*20.00	8.00
Aust. N.Z. and Java Ports	BX 8.15	9.00
Amoy Hongkong Canton	x 8.30	9.00
Tinghai and Shenkiamen via Tinghai	x 9.30	10.00
Ningbsien etc. via Chinhai	11.30	12.00
Nantung	14.30	15.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Aust. N.Z. S.S. and India	x 19.00	20.00
Hongkong and Canton	x 19.30	20.00
FRIDAY, April 5.		
Amoy and Hongkong	*20.00	8.00
Tsingtao and Dairen	8.30	9.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00

* The night before.
A Parcel mail for U.S.A., closes at 16.00 on 3rd.
B Parcel mail for Netherlands India, closes at 16.00 on 3rd.
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Z Parcel mail only.

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Imperial Airways Service per steamer on April 6, at 3 p.m. for registered and at 4 p.m. for ordinary due London on April 17.

Pan American Airways Service per steamer on April 6, at 3 p.m. for registered and 4 p.m. for ordinary due San Francisco on April 16.

Air France per steamer on April 6, at 3 p.m. for registered and at 4 p.m. for ordinary.

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Canton per Shanghai-Canton Air Line close at 8.30 p.m. on Sundays and Wednesdays.

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THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday Min. 46.0 Max. 50.0
Same date, 1939 Min. 41.5 Max. 57.5
Rainfall 1.69

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday Min. 50.0 Max. 54.3
Same date, 1939 Min. 43.5 Max. 48.2

State on the morning of the 1st:—Pressure high and steady over Japan: low and unsteady over China. North-easterly to south-easterly winds along the China Coast. Cloudy and fine weather in the north: overcast and misty in our regions.

State on the morning of the 2nd:—Rainy weather. Low and unsteady pressure. North-easterly breezes.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Cloudy weather and strong northerly winds over Shantung. Overcast to cloudy with local rain and strong north-easterly to north-westerly winds over our regions. Freshening cyclonic circulation with rain and mist over the Eastern Sea, owing to the depression passing east-north-east ward.—Siccawei Observatory.

Post Office Notices Continued

Peiping, Tientsin, Tsinan, Tatung, Kalgan, Shanhaikwan, Tsingtao, Tungshan, Shihkiachwang, Chengte, Kaifeng, Taiyuan and Yuncheng by the planes of the Chung Hwa Air Transport Co. daily at 9.30 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Correspondence for this column should be addressed to the Editor, North-China Daily News Office, 17 The Bund, Shanghai, and to ensure secrecy, marked "Letters to the Editor."

S. M. Elections:

Plea for Compromise

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—There can be few that realize the tremendous value of the Foreign Settlement who will not deplore the fact that the Municipal Elections this year will be fought between community and community in what you describe as a "trial of strength." One fully realizes that the nomination of five Japanese candidates, disguise the motive how they will, is a challenge on the part of the Japanese community against the old-time balance of power here and that if British and American ratepayers desire to retain seven out of the nine foreign seats they will have to muster all their voting strength to do so. If they do manage to retain those seven seats on this occasion there is no guarantee that they will be able to do so in the future. The Japanese community is likely to grow in strength and the other foreign communities to decline, in consequence of international trends and current happenings in other parts of the world.

It is a pity that in the evolutionary changes which have come, and must continue to come, over this city, no machinery for negotiation, consultation and decision upon such a matter as proportionate international representation upon the S.M.C. has ever been set up. The British, American and Japanese communities are not the only ones concerned, though they may be numerically the strongest. All foreign residents go to make up this international community and they are all entitled to a sense of participation in the Administration towards which they individually and severally contribute. If the Municipal Elections are going to be left to develop into an annual "dog fight" between communities instead of being a contest between individuals as to their fitness to govern, then Shanghai will inevitably lose that corporate international harmony which has been one of its most valuable characteristics.

One wonders whether the leaders of the important communities have given that aspect of the matter the deep and constructive consideration it deserves. This city is not the exclusive affair of the big communities, neither should it be made an arena for their political contentions. It needs a co-operative pooling of the best of all communities, and the British, American and Japanese leaders ought not to be blind to the fact that in such a co-operative pooling their own best interests will undoubtedly lie.

Perhaps it is not yet too late for a get-together on this point in the search for a formula—for this year at least—by which an inter-communal contest might be avoided. The result of such a contest must inescapably leave victors and vanquished with a psychological aftermath of an extremely unfortunate character.

CONCERNED.

Shanghai, Apr. 2.

The Jewish Refugees

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—In view of the Japanese announcement of the desired increase of representation on the Council, and the threat to the "Occidental" vote, I would like to make the following observation for consideration by our councillors.

The Jewish Community, who have approximately 400 votes, and who might thereby become "a decisive factor" in determining our position in the Municipal administration, are new to the procedure of the voting. I have been approached by one or two Jews who have asked whether the ballot is "secret" or not. Several of this community have apparently been "canvassed" by Japanese civilians, accompanied by a German interpreter, and have been given a paper in the form of a "questionnaire," which I am given to understand is a veiled threat that should they not vote for the Japanese, they will be the sufferers. One must understand that these peoples are "oppressed" and know no liberty. Their position here is very precarious, for they are residing in a military occupied zone, with the favour bestowed upon them by that military force.

In my opinion, the propaganda section of the Council should get to work and allay the worry of those who desire to cast their vote in favour of the British or American representative, but fear repercussion. After all, financial support of the Jewish Refugee Committee, emanates in the main from Europe and America, and this should be impressed on them to obtain either their support, or absolute neutrality.

They have done nothing to build up this port, and it is known that their only desire is to live in peace in a newly found haven.

A BRITISH RATEPAYER.

Shanghai, Apr. 2.

Nature Notes:

Along the Highway

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—We saw a very attractive shrub today, it is just commencing to flower. We understand that it is called the "Judas Tree" and we wondered why.

We found later that it belongs to the family *Leguminosae* and that it is known botanically as *Cercis chinensis* but nobody could tell us why it was named "Judas Tree"

We also found that the name *Cercis* was derived from the ancient Greek name *Kerkis* meaning a shuttlecock and we again wondered why. "Tommy" said he had a good idea why, so we left it at that. We also saw Apricot trees coming into flower, their pinkish blossoms looked charming.

The magnolia trees appear to have just passed their best, but they are still lovely.

"Tommy" told me that magnolias are named after a one-time professor of medicine at the botanic garden at Montpellier named Pierre Magnol. We later discovered that the wood of one species is used in Japan for lacquered ware.

We noticed today that the plane trees are beginning to burst their buds and that the so-called ash trees are showing leaves. "Tommy" wanted to know more about the so-called ash tree so we looked it up: we found that its correct name is *Pterocarya stenoptera*. Our favourite wild flower, the beautiful blueflowered Veronica, sometimes called "Angel's eyes," did not look at us today. The flowers were closed.

The sun spurge—*Euphorbia heliocopia* was however, still following the sun. Plants never tire of the same daily routine. We saw a big black crow building its nest among the wires on top of a telephone pole. We shall not tell you where, for the "Powers that be" may read these notes and then our big black crow will have to commence all over again.

W. J. K.

Shanghai, Apr. 2.

Mental Deficients:

Shanghai Prospects Remote

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—The enquiry of "G. S." in regard to the care of mental deficients is one that I trust will receive the serious attention it deserves and will be the means of something concrete being done for these handicapped members of society. The question has been in the minds of many of us during the past few years. Their members are legion, but with the lack of finances and a trained staff this important and much needed work has been sadly neglected. Many years ago Dr. Kerr of Canton founded a Hospital for the Insane of that city which has done wonderful work. Dr. Wilkinson of Soochow also started a similiar hospital, and there was one in the Chinese city here that has, I believe since been closed. I have visited these three institutions and was much impressed by what I saw.

It was the original intention of late Dr. John Fryer the founder of this Institution to open an Institution for the blind—then a department for the deaf and later a school for the feeble-minded, and he made it possible for me to receive special training in all three branches. The work for the blind is firmly established, that for the deaf has been on trial for fourteen years and is now to be placed on a firm foundation—but we have been unable to do anything for the feeble-minded, and the prospects of establishing such a work seem at present rather remote.

We will watch with hopeful interest the results of this enquiry.

GEO. B. FRYER,
Superintendent,
Institution for Blind and Deaf.

Shanghai, Apr. 2.

Not Advertized:

Meeting of Ratepayers

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Now is the time for all good men to rally to the defence of the country or at any rate the Council. We are constantly being urged by this and that journal to do our bit.

The S.M.C. mentions in your "Coming Events" column that the Election will be on April 11 but ignores the Meeting on April 17. Last year the suggestion was that the Council did not want too many to come along. This year perhaps it is a belated attempt at economy.

Anyway, if it is worth while to advertise the date of the Election under "Coming Events" it is just as worth while to advertise the Meeting itself.

LOGICAL.

Shanghai, Apr. 2.

BY SAPAJOU

Mary Stewart

who gives a recital at the Lyceum on Friday

French Ball:

Good Result for War Funds

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I shall be grateful if you will be so kind as to publish the result of the ball in aid of French War Funds held on February 29, at the Cercle Sportif Français.

The net result was a profit of $54.-394.18 made up as follows:

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Raffle less expenses	29,789.43
Total Receipts	$57,217.14
Less General expenses	$ 2,822.96
Net Profit	$54,394.18

It is felt, in view of the national cause for which this ball was organized and of the very large number who assisted in making it such an outstanding success, that it would be impossible to mention by name the many hundreds who contributed in one way or another to this function.

It is therefore my desire on behalf of the general committee of the Cercle Sportif Français to express our very deep gratitude and thanks to patrons of the ball; to those who organized and took part in the entertainment; to those who sent donations; to the donors of prizes to the raffle and to those who organized it and sold raffle tickets; to advertisers in the programme and to those who arranged its production and sold programmes at the ball; to the young ladies who by consenting to be debutantes provided one of the most interesting features of the programme; to the Press for their kind publicity; to those responsible for decorations and flowers; and last but not least to the ever-generous public of Shanghai who by their presence at the ball and by the purchase of raffle tickets made possible the result indicated above.

The whole proceeds are being devoted to the benefit of the men of the French fighting forces.

F. BOUVIER,
President,
Cercle Sportif Français.

Shanghai, Apr. 1.

Municipal Orchestra:

A Critic Criticized

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Your critic is surely barking up the wrong tree in his report of Sunday's concert when he ventures the opinion that the programme would be exactly to the taste of the "Society for the Preservation of Old Favourites." On the contrary, it is just such programmes that we have been fighting against, a lot of non-descript mediocrity in which the individual members of the Orchestra can find no interest, and which they, therefore, played badly to a half-filled house.

Your critic should surely know that audiences are numbered by what they expect to hear and not by what they actually get. After scanning the programme most of the members of the "Society" knew what to expect, and they contented themselves by sitting in their comfortable chairs at home. Hence the empty seats at the Lyceum.

Next Sunday's programme is of the class we want, Brahms, Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, the real masters. Your critic will hate to see "House Full" on this occasion as indicating a deplorable lack of taste and ignorance of real music on the part of the Shanghai public, but he is going to get it. It would be a nice gesture if on this occasion he would surrender his seat to one of the appreciative public who otherwise is going to be shut out.

HACKNEYED.

Shanghai, Apr. 2.

Macao Report:

Truth Denied by Reader

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I wish to give you my views about Japanese threats to Macao. The first Japanese demand about evacuation of Lappa and Wantsai will be and can be accepted by Portuguese authorities, as there are no Portuguese troops stationed in said islands. The second demand will and can also be accepted. The following demands will not be tolerated.

Imagine a foreign military power conducting house to house search in our own colony. Japan is on most friendly terms with Portugal and will not make ridiculous demands. Another paragraph in your paper is about Japanese people entering (armed) gambling establishments and ordering expensive meals without paying. This is not true; the Portuguese police of Macao are a tough bunch, composed of ex-Army men and they will not tolerate any abuse from foreigners regardless of nationality; second, the Japanese are gentlemen and always pay for their drinks, meals, etc.

I know all these as I have had the honour to serve in Macao and also had dealings with Japanese military and find them most cordial. Perfect information about Macao can be obtained from prominent local Portuguese citizens.

"CHARLIE CHASE" COLLACO.

Shanghai, Mar. 31.

***Mr. Collaco's reasons for declaring the paragraph in question inaccurate are interesting but not convincing. —ED.

The Passion:

Misreading Alleged

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—In a sermon appearing in your Sunday issue the preacher made the statement that "In the Passion Luke records the Son of Man sweating drops of blood." Surely this is a misreading of the passage in question, Luke 22:44, "And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly: and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground."

It should be noted that it is not written that Christ sweated actual drops of blood, but that in His agony His perspiration became so profuse that it poured from Him like a stream of blood. In fact, the original MS reads: "His sweat became like clots of blood falling to the ground."

It is to be regretted that even the Book of Common Prayer, in the Litany, perpetuates this mediæval misconception when it refers to the "bloody sweat."

BIBLIA.

Shanghai, Apr. 2.

***Several letters have been held over owing to pressure on space.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS" OF APRIL 3, 1870

We have received, by the last mail, specimen copies of a London paper called the "European Mail," which wishes to extend its circulation to China and Japan. The paper, or rather the scheme known under that title, is an exceptionally comprehensive one, as the "European Mail" is the title of seven distinct newspapers destined for circulation in the principal British Colonies, and compiled with reference to the special wants of each. It is perhaps suggestive of the growing interest which people at home are taking in China affairs, that the proprietors now intend to add an eighth issue prepared specially for China and the Straits settlements. We have as yet, only the announcement of this new paper, but are warned to expect the first copy by the next mail. In the meantime, specimen copies of the papers issued for the Cape and for Australia have been sent us.

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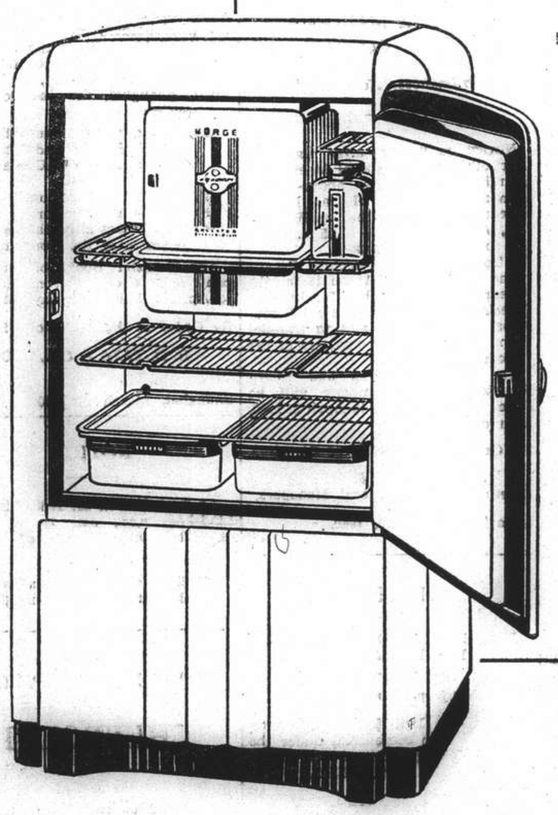

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THE BOOK PAGE

A Quest for Water

THE WANDERING LAKE By Sven Hedin. With 32 illustrations, 76 sketches and 10 maps. Routledge, London. 18/-.

Of all the books in the trilogy of Dr. Sven Hedin's most recent adventures and explorations in Central Asia, "The Wandering Lake" is the most fascinating for it represents a search for something almost as mythological as the Holy Grail but nothing more commonplace than water. The huge desert of Central Asia, by far the largest in the world, an area covered with dead communities and lost towns, offers no more inscrutable a mystery than the Lop-Nor, the lake in the heart of the Lop district in Eastern Turkistan.

Gone into Hiding

Dubbed by Dr. Hedin the "Wandering Lake" because of its wanderings through the ages, it only recently came to light again although it is the centre of an important hydrographic system bringing the waters from the snows of the Asian mountain range to the desert. Marinus of Tyre and Ptolemy of Alexandria knew of its existence and its river feeders and placed it on their maps. Then it disappeared from human knowledge, although Marco Polo may have known of it when he travelled along the Silk Road to Cathay, although he never mentioned it. For 1,600 years it passed out of history until the Russian, Colonel Prjevalsky, in 1876, again came across it, although others guessed its position. Again it disappeared and was rediscovered again in 1921. History certainly carefully hid this mystery, whose existence had tremendous influence on life in that region, and Dr. Hedin suggests the reason why it was known to Ptolemy was through reports by merchants travelling along the Silk Road.

The scientific explanation offered is that it has moved from the northern to the southern part of the desert by operation of natural forces much swifter than the long periods of time which the movements of the earth's crust demand. These factors, Dr. Hedin says, are the ceaseless transportation by running water of solid material, both organic and inorganic, and the power of the wind to erode the surface of the soil and by its disintegrating force to loosen and carry away ordinarily firm elements of that surface.

Adventure Starts

But let us pass from the scientific to the adventure. The author's intention in visiting Lop-Nor was not entirely connected with the solving of a tantalizing mystery or the accumulation of scientific data. He travelled by canoe down two rivers, the Konche-daria and the Kum-daria, through practically a dead world, motivated by another idea—that of the value of water in a part of the world where hydrographic changes have transformed the earth's surface and will continue to do so. In his previous books he told of the motor truck expedition he undertook to Sinkiang on behalf of the Nanking Government in 1933, primarily to find motor routes, of the rebellion which caused his imprisonment at the hands of Ma Chung-yin, "Big Horse," his liberation by the Russians, and his explorations prior to embarking on the journey to the "Wandering Lake."

Water is not a commonplace utility in Central Asia: it is the very means of existence, and, as the author says, the water in this amazing watershed was being wasted on the desert. He adds:

> It was our task to investigate means of controlling it and utilizing it for the benefit of men. The population of the oases of Eastern Turkistan is almost entirely dependent on the water which streams down from the surrounding mountains—the Kun-lun, Pamir and Tienshan—and is spread over fields and gardens through innumerable *ariks* or canals. The volume of water carried through the desert to Lop-Nor down the Konche-daria and its continuation, the Kum-daria, which has come to life again since 1921, could, if controlled by irrigation, provide many thousands with their daily bread.

A Cup of Water

With this objective in mind, Dr. Hedin embarked on his expedition, mustering a flotilla of canoes at Konche, while the motor caravan went across country to meet him farther down the river. He tells in vivid style the voyage down the Konche-daria—the "River of Water"—and afterwards the Kum-daria—the "River of Sand"—telling of numerous incidents of this primitive method of travel. Having travelled through this part of Asia 40 years ago and subsequently, he encountered many old friends who remembered him—and one led his motor caravan on a fantastic expedition for a hidden city of gold which nearly ended in disaster. Dr. Hedin reaches poetic heights when he talks of his first draught of the water of Tarim, one of the lake's feeders. He says:

> So, when one drank of a cup of water from the river on which we were now to live for a time, it was not like drinking from a spring, or a beck in the mountains. There was something especially wonderful about that water, that draught which was a mingling of tributes from the whole of innermost Asia, the real Central Asia—that circle of mountain ranges, the loftiest and wildest in the world, which lies around the Tarim basin to north-west and south.

Imagery of Death

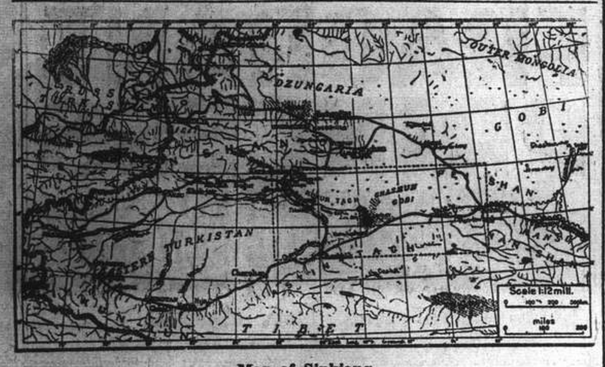
The contrast with this majestic picture is provided as the mysterious desert approaches, and through an area erosion has cut wild shapes in the earth's terrain and life has ceased to exist. He writes:

> To the north the yellow desert extended, with death written on its face. It consisted of long, undulating ridges and a mass of *yardangs*, those lumps of clay modelled in curious shapes by the wind, with deep corridors which I remembered so well.... They ran down to the bank, looking like long rows of huge coffins and catafalques, the mortuary of a vanished splendour destroyed by storms and drought.

Indeed, the imagery of death was not absent in fact for the party discovered a number of graves, including that of a princess, possibly from Lou-lan, another city which vanished in this desert waste nearly 2,000 years ago. As the expedition approached Lop-Nor the desolation became more impressive and the author reckoned that if he connected with straight lines their position with half-a-dozen points where their nearest neighbours were, they were the only human beings in an area of about 78,000 square miles, or equal to England and Scotland.

The Lake Appears

Through the delta of the rivers feeding Lop-Nor, a mass of mud banks, reeds and marshes, penetrated by a thousand streams, the lake appeared, its entrance being a wide expanse of saliferous sludge. Their arrival was heralded by a howling storm lasting three days and afterwards they paddled out into the lake. The author does not devote much attention to the lake itself, beyond describing its general characteristics, as fresh water supplies were short and their craft were scarcely suitable for navigation on a sheet of water inches shallow at one side and shelving mud banks on the other. Lop-Nor is 78 miles from north to south and 48 miles at its widest point. One part of the lake is salt and the other fresh water, but the thing that puzzled the author was how the fish lived in shallow fresh water with only oozy mud at the bottom. Examination only of the fresh water part was possible as a barrier prevented the party from entering the salt water part, and other plans had to be abandoned in view of the falling of the Kum-daria.



Map of Sinkiang

Vanished Places

But the author's impressions were favourable after a visit to the ruins of Lou-lan and the vanished places round the lake, ruined by the peregrinations of the lake and its feeders, but now again showing signs of life after the reappearance of Lop-Nor. Known 2,000 years ago, lost for 1,600 years, rediscovered and lost again until 1921, its history as a creative and a destructive force follows the pattern of many other Chinese waterways. He speculates on the fact that the oldest and longest caravan route which in ancient times linked east and west was to be raised from the dead by magic none other than water.

In this ancient area, he points out, a swarming life, an endless multitude of walkers, riders, and caravans had passed.

> But there came a day when the life-giving river thought fit to change its course and pour its water into the southern part of the desert and form a lake there. Woods, lawns, avenues, gardens and ploughed fields dried up, withered and died. Then people could no longer live in Lou-lan and the country round; they abandoned their city and the villages near it and moved off to other oases, which could offer them water and vegetation. But now the river and its terminal lake had returned to the northern part of the desert and had prepared the ground for new life and new colonization.

Explorer's Sketch-book

From his meditations, Dr. Sven Hedin retraced his journey up the Kum-daria until he reached his base camp on the northern bank where one of the light cars of the expedition was awaiting him. Back to Urumchi he returned where there was further political detention and further exploration, but the "Wandering Lake" is the main burden of this, the third of his trilogy.

Written in a pleasing vein by a man of broad experience and a host of memories it is another great addition to the Hedin saga—scientific exploration is not the term—among the mysteries of unpenetrated Central Asia. Not the least interesting feature is the scores of sketches not only of his most recent expedition but others as far back as 1900, for Dr. Hedin, with his sketch-book in his hand as often as his note-book, has the happy knack of recording in vivid outline the little things, the poses, scenes and the intimate expressions that flash on the eye and register on the imagination on journeys so full of enthralling interest as this.—A.P.F.

Based on the Montagu and Capulet theme, Mr. Paul Trent's **"Adair and Son"** (Ward Lock, London. Colonial Edition 3/6) has an unusual ending. The children of two rival financiers love each other, but money is weightier than love. The scenes are laid in London and Ireland and the story is very pleasantly told.—D.P.

London Letter

News and Notes From Home

Queen Elizabeth's Voyage a Sensation; Position of Germans; Saving Rubbish

BY O. M. GREEN

(Editor "North-China Daily News," 1911-1930)

London, Mar. 9.

THE Queen Elizabeth's voyage to New York has been the sensation of the week. The amazing thing is that such a secret could be kept. Half the west coast of Scotland must have known about her departure, though she sailed under sealed orders and even Captain Townley, her commander, did not know whither he was bound till he was at sea, but not a word got out.

She went, of course, without the usual trials, which as her engines develop 200,000 h.p. was something of a gamble. But all went well. She averaged about 25 knots, though capable of much more and zigzagged a good deal. It is interesting to note that she was equipped with the new electric wire surround, the wonderful invention of H.M.S. Vernon (the Navy's scientific school) which makes a ship quite safe against magnetic mines.

If it is asked why she went, the answer is that there are only two days in the year when the tide is high enough to get such a ship out of the Clyde; that her berth was urgently needed for other construction, that her only possible use in warfare would be as an aircraft carrier and that to convert her to that would be enormously expensive. Her vast size makes her useless as an auxiliary cruiser and the few harbours in this country, where she might have lain up are continually needed for other purposes. It must make the Germans wild to think of her getting across.

There is something of a witch-hunt after Germans at large in the country and it is claimed that many of them ought to have been interned. Matters were brought to a head a few days ago by the case of a German named Solf, who lived near a military centre and was caught taking photographs of an aeroplane crash. The girl who lent him the camera was bound over and he was sent to jail for one month. His father fought for Germany in the last war and his own record is said to be by no means reassuring.

Many Aliens Registered

According to figures given in Parliament, 62,244 Germans and 11,909 Austrians in Great Britain have been registered with the police. The Alien Tribunals have interned 569, of the remainder the majority have been given certificates allowing them to move freely within a five-mile radius of their homes, but not to go beyond it without permission by the police. It is said that the police and Army authorities are much concerned at the laxity shown by the tribunals and Sir John Anderson has indicated that a good many of their decisions are to be reviewed.

There seems some ground for thinking that the tribunals have been far too easy-going. But there should be equal blame for the numbers of people in positions which made it hard for the tribunals to reject their evidence, who have come forward to testify to the character of a German, apparently on no better ground than personal liking.

Potential Espionage

During the last war there were many cases of real hardship. Inoffensive little tradesmen who had lived in England for years and would have been utterly unlikely to wish either to fight or to get into trouble with the police were routed out and put in concentration camps. Nobody wants that sort of thing to happen again. But the police are sure that the Nazis let loose numbers of spies in England before the war in the guise either of refugees or domestic servants.

Obviously the first thing the spies would do would be to work themselves into the good graces of their employers who might guarantee them when war began. This is quite likely. The speediness of Poland's collapse was not a little due to the widespread perfection of the German espionage.

Frequently men reject the mess food and buy their meals at the canteen or a local restaurant. The allowance is one cook to 50 men. If you have half a million men in camp—and probably there are more than that—it means 10,000 cooks. To find at a moment's notice 10,000 men or women capable of turning out a decent meal for five men at once, let alone 50, is, in England where cooking is notoriously bad and wasteful (I regret to blacken my country's reputation but "facts is facts") is to ask for a miracle. Cooking centres are being opened all over the country, but the results will necessarily be slow in coming. Cookery, even on simple lines, which in some respects are the most difficult, is not to be acquired in a few weeks.

Anti-Waste Campaign

Meanwhile the anti-waste campaign goes on merrily. We save (or are adjured to save) every scrap of paper and metal. At a conservative estimate we are told there are available 1,000,000 tons of waste paper, worth about £2,500,000 which must be salved from 10,000,000 homes in Great Britain. The Westminster Council has opened an exhibition to show us what can be made from refuse, on the one side horrid heaps of rubbish (but guaranteed decontaminated) on the other beautiful stacks of writing paper, mill board, corrugated packing cases and jars of patent food for pigs. A Mr. Latham in the Ministry of Supply is said to have calculated that £1,000,000 or more is annually wasted in timber, in Great Britain in half burnt matches and match boxes. So we look forward to smaller matches and paper boxes.

Public School Bogey

That venerable, but seemingly indestructible, bogey the English public school, has again been trotted out for attack. This time the assailant is no one less than Sir Cyril Norwood, former head-master of Harrow, who is quite sure, as dozens of erroneous prophets have been before him, that the public school is doomed. He does not, however, so much attack, as assert that the schools are doomed because after the war parents will be too poor to pay £200 a year for the individual schooling of their sons. He wants the State to take over the schools.

But by the analogy of the last war this argument is wrong. After the war fees went up in every school in the country, by anything from 30 per cent. upwards, and never before had there been such a demand for their services. Schools which before the war had used every possible device to attract pupils now had long waiting lists.

More serious than money is the question of the birth rate. Already before this war, some schools had begun to feel the effect of the decline and had had to close a house. A committee was appointed by the Board of Education and the Headmasters' Conference to study the matter. One suggestion it has produced is that the State might grant scholarships to enable boys of poor familes to go to public schools. This is in time with the now common practice at Oxford and Cambridge. There appears no idea, however, that the public schools have outlined their usefulness as some have argued and should be merged in the general scheme of State education.

National Religious Education

Closely connected with the public schools is the question of national religious education, which is now receiving very serious attention. One would not perhaps claim that religious teaching in the public schools is all it might be. But it exists and the daily attendance at chapel assists in teaching boys what religion is and the outstanding features and facts of Christianity. In the national schools religious teaching is a mere farce.

The question was brought to the fore several weeks ago by an article in "The Times" entitled, "Religion and National Life." Reprinted in leaflet form, this has sold by many hundreds of thousands, and a most interesting and valuable correspondence on the subject has been running daily in "The Times."

Certain indisputable facts have been brought out. Masses of the young people of today are ignorant of the elementary truths of religion (how many, who are counting the days to Easter, know in the least what it commemorates?) In the rate-aided secondary schools, the proportion of scholars who take religion as one of their subjects was only 32 per cent. in 1917 and in 1937 was 17 per cent.

The training of teachers in methods of religious instruction is grossly deficient. Religion has no place at all in the schemes of many new universities and university colleges. Even at Oxford, and, I believe Cambridge too, attendance at chapel is now optional.

The importance of these facts is the more appreciated as the spiritual issues in the present war are increasingly realized.

Going to call at the Chinese Embassy the day before yesterday I was pleased to observe the whole of the outside of the house being painted, which indeed it needed. It is a huge house and will require a huge quantity of paint. A great gesture of China's confidence in every way.

Increased Prices in Kashing Area

Coal Scarce and Wood Difficult to Secure

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Kashing, Mar. 28.

Fuel prices continue upward on account of scarcity of coal and several of the largest consumers buy hard wood brought from the mountain districts north and west of Hangchow. Ordinary households use rice-straw, mulberry cuttings and bean stalks for cooking. The few who can afford heating, buy briquettes made of coal dust and clay, usually compressed into balls. Merchants and even small shop keepers say they have made profits on account of increased prices, but fresh purchases may cause further increases on new goods.

Rice soared to $37 a *shih* then dropped to $30 today. Strict sanitation and prompt isolation have restricted seasonal epidemics. A fair proportion of meningitis cases sent to hospital have recovered. Diphtheria and scarlet fever are not so rampant as in years ago in this section.

Farmers have been so much encouraged by good prices for last year's crops that they are planning much more planting this year. Repairs to war-damaged property require many carpenters and masons at double their former wages. Relief workers are finding war-widows and war-orphans most needy. Less of war and more of peace is much desired.

Small currency is chaotic. As the weight value of copper coins increased, they were withdrawn from circulation. Postage stamps and shop-tokens were used for a short time. Now comes the new paper cent, fresh from the press at a premium of from one to 5 per cent. on the tattered dollar notes. A silver dollar is worth from three to five in paper money, but none is in sight and there are few sellers. Farmers supposed to have silver buried are tortured by robbers to make them dig it up.

Flag-Flapping Unpopular

Australians Resent Press Policy; Two Elections In Victoria

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Melbourne, Mar. 5.

News that the first contingent of Australian troops to go abroad had arrived at Suez was greeted with extravagant enthusiasm by the Australian Press. Editors, released from the reticence imposed by the Censor, made the most of the occasion, and special articles long held in reserve were rushed into print to adorn and magnify the tale.

This journalistic flag-flapping does not reflect the true temper of the Australian people today, and is anything but popular. The present war is regarded as a very serious affair, and while the Australian people are impressively united in their determination to support Britain to the limit, they resent attempts to revive the glamour associated with war in a less enlightened age. Having taken their stand, which they did without hesitation, they feel that publicity designed to arouse irrational and emotional manifestations of patriotism is unnecessary, and they do not need the newspapers to tell them where their duty lies.

This feeling is intensified by the suspicion that powerful interests behind that section of the Press most given to flag-flapping are inspired by a desire to influence national policy. The people would rather the Government they elected were left to frame its own war policy without such interference, specially since it is obvious that the present Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, is bent on maintaining a sane and realistic attitude towards the war, and on preparing for the struggle in a deliberate and systematic way.

It would not be surprising if this failure of the Press to realize that public opinion is much better informed and more intelligent than in 1914 resulted in some vigorous criticism of the newspapers before many months have passed.

Every Australian is proud that the first contingent has now joined the Allied forces, and that fact is politically significant, but it is no measure of Australia's intended participation in the war. Much greater things are planned, and plans are already well advanced.

Corio Election

The Corio by-election rendered necessary by the resignation of Mr. Casey, who has been appointed Australian Minister to Washington, has developed into a strenuous campaign. In its determination not to lose a seat held by one of the most popular members of the Ministry, the Government Party chose to contest the election on the basis of its war policy. This would seem to have been rather ill-advised.

Although the Labour Party disagrees with the Government on certain issues, its attitude towards the war has never been in doubt, and on all vital war issues it has given the Government its loyal support. For the Government to adopt the attitude that the loss of the Corio seat would imply lack of popular support for the nation's war policy consequently seems to be taking an unfair advantage of its opponents, and if Labour should win the seat it may create the false impression abroad that the Government's contention was really justified. The fact of the matter is that whether the Government or the Opposition wins Corio, the nation's war policy will be quite unchanged.

Another interesting feature of this by-election is that the Communist Party is running a very strong candidate. He may even secure enough votes not to forfeit his deposit. For many years the Communists have been contesting elections, but they have still to gain a seat in any Australian Parliament. Their failure has been so consistent that any Communist candidate can now count on receiving a few "sympathy" votes from people who feel that a game trier should be given a sporting chance.

Country Party Split

Victoria has also been plunged into a State election campaign with dramatic suddenness. The Country Party Government, which has reigned only with the benevolent, if critical support, of the Labour Party, has been one of the most successful in the history of the State, and has been deservedly popular. The Country Party, however, has long been subject to internal discords, and a violent quarrel has developed between the Premier, Mr. Dunstan, and the Country Party Executive.

Prominent members of the Executive insist that the Government's policy should be determined by the Party. Mr. Dunstan, supported by the Parliamentarians, declines to be dictated to by the Party, and insists that the Government is directly responsible to the electors for what it does. The issue is further complicated by bitter personal animosities.

Tired of recriminations, Mr. Dunstan left on a whirlwind tour of country electorates, and returned to ask the Governor for a dissolution, which was granted. The swiftness of the Premier's stroke, and the short time allowed for campaigning, have taken all Parties by surprise. This should assist the Government to strengthen its representation in the House, and arm the Premier with sufficiently enhanced prestige to discipline the Party at its Easter Conference. Such dramatic coups have been milestones in Mr. Dunstan's political career, and there is no more astute tactician in Australian politics today.

Australian Air Arm Grows

Within a few weeks thousands of recruits for the Empire Air Scheme will go into training. Already applications have poured in, and recruits are impatiently waiting to be called up.

Meanwhile, the Government has been completing arrangements for training on a most ambitious scale.

IN an action brought by an Aberdeen woman against three medical practitioners—partners—Lord Keith gave judgment awarding damages of £150 against the three defendants. One of the doctors, John Grant Elmslie M.B., Ch.B., had attended Mrs. Peace when she slipped on a mat in her house on January 1, 1937, and two days later she was attended by Dr. Elmslie, who continued to attend her for about two months. In May, 1937, when she was attended by another doctor and X-rayed it was found that she was suffering from an impacted fracture of the neck of the femur. His Lordship felt there was established a failure in skill and treatment through omission to advise X-ray examination. According to evidence the subsequent operative treatment was very successful.

"New Disorder in East Asia"

Prevalence of Banditry And Armed Robbery in Yangtze Valley

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Yangtze Valley City.

The "new disorder in East Asia" is only too tragically apparent in many ways, but in none more painfully so than in the prevalence of banditry and armed robbery. A certain hospital has at the present time no less than 23 patients who have been burned by robbers in an effort to extort money from them. When one looks back three years, and remembers that incidents of the kind had become exceedingly rare, it is very painful to see how the forces of evil have been unleashed by the present régime.

Were it not for this fact, the country people could be counted fortunate, as excellent crops last year have insured them prosperity. But it is a sad fact that prosperity only invites danger, under existing circumstances.

It has been a long time since any part of the railway has been destroyed, and this is said to be due to the fact that the people living near the railway are forced to act as guards and as guarantors. A certain number of villagers and country people are said to be constantly on guard, and will be held responsible if any untoward happening occurs.

So great is the recuperative power of the Chinese people that if the present régime could be eliminated before too large a proportion of the population is debauched by the flood of narcotics which is overwhelming the city, the return to a normal state of affairs might occur much more quickly than can at present be imagined.

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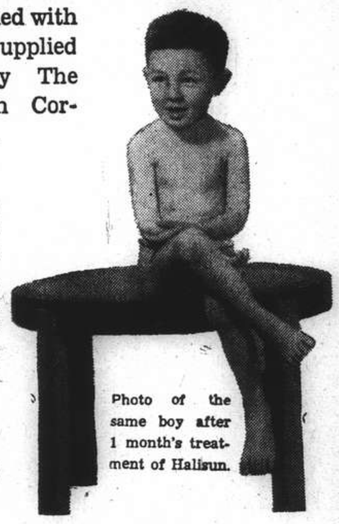

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Huebner Wins Singles Ten-Pin Bowling Championship

Finishes with 7-Pin Margin Over Butler; Third Place to Blackwood; Eisenhut Triples 614

AL Huebner was declared the winner of the Shanghai Ten Pins Championship when he wound up the third and final round's play with a score of 562 at the Shanghai Race Club last night. Tommy Butler was second, although he bowled one of the day's highest scores, 589. The margin between these two men stood at 1,708 to 1,701. Third honours were taken by Blackwood who equalled Butler's triple of 589. The best 3-game total, however, was gained by Eisenhut who countered 614, including a splendid single of 245 in his third string. As a result of this remarkable score, Eisenhut made a big jump, rising from 27th to 10th place.

Complete results were:—

Huebner	182	188	192	562	1708
Butler	212	183	194	589	1701
Blackwood	190	199	210	589	1687
Ashley	173	171	191	535	1674
Allen	144	201	170	515	1663
Chanturai	169	193	193	555	1660
Brunetti	167	193	177	537	1651
Pote-Hunt	213	169	143	525	1645
Hilden	194	196	196	586	1636
Eisenhut	167	202	245	614	1629
Dolinsek	131	196	222	549	1613
Roles	153	164	140	457	1602
Cone	184	168	147	499	1590
Kew, L. C.	186	214	160	560	1594
Gonsalves	153	168	201	522	1576
Livingston	159	172	175	506	1566
Gilbert	199	133	159	481	1553
Uhlinger	180	192	169	541	1551
Maitland	167	184	165	516	1544
Krencicki	158	195	161	514	1541
Xavier	200	195	161	556	1541
Moseler	168	225	138	531	1539
Gray	156	171	147	450	1529
Messersmith	146	195	162	503	1522
Katz	185	161	179	525	1516
Cooper	190	150	222	522	1513
Rozier	140	149	178	467	1500
Watton	154	164	171	489	1499
Davis	145	137	145	428	1491
Neumann	159	186	194	539	1486
Henningsen	171	175	180	526	1485
Blais	150	177	155	482	1476
Belknap	155	156	182	493	1474
Krause	123	147	171	441	1474
Cox, A. B.	153	168	160	481	1465
Huggett	139	194	169	502	1452
Williams	147	151	145	443	1419
Clark	156	190	162	508	1421
Schmid	124	148	152	424	1412
Morang	211	149	136	496	1384
Smith, R. W.	173	169	142	484	1360
Gensburger	155	109	163	427	1341
Lurton	149	175	152	476	1357
Cox, K. A.	173	156	157	456	1327
Swan	161	156	166	483	1323
Kimball	126	167	178	471	1294

91 Baseball Serfs Set Free

Bonds of Slavery Broken By Judge Landis; Likely To Start Something

BY HENRY MCLEMORE

Los Angeles, Apr. 1.

As an old hand-writing on the wall expert it is my guess that the recent freeing of 91 baseball serfs by Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis will eventually prove to be the first step toward a general releasing from bondage of all baseball players.

You know, of course, that baseball players are the nearest things we have to slaves in this country. They don't reach their owners in clanking chains, after a hot and dismal crossing in the hold of a ship, but once delivered they become vassals of their masters and can be traded and sold about as if they were dumb animals. The fact that some of them are dumb animals doesn't alter the unfairness of their treatment.

I have no doubt that some of the free-thinkers among the players will seek means to capitalize on the not so old edict of Judge Landis. They are certain to see it as the first exposure of a chink in the armour of the owners and attempt to do something about it. They also will draw courage and confidence from the fact that baseball's highest power is interested in seeing to it that the players get an even break from the operating powers.

Instrument of Slavery

I never have seen a standard baseball contract (few laymen ever have, for that matter) but from what I can gather it must be more binding than a trunkful of mustard plasters, and as hard to break as a Mississippi roustabout's skull. It must be a one-sided instrument, too, as one-sided as a blackboard, because I never heard of a player who had any success, marked or otherwise, in trying to release himself from its clutches.

Once a player signs with a club, that club has him at its mercy. It can sell him to the pigeon toe team in upper Arkansas if it wants to, or it can trade him for a smoked ham and a grandfathers clock to the last place team in the Twilight League of Scratch Ankle, Georgia. Or, if the fancy strikes the owners, the player can be given a soft spot on the bench and told to sit there until ivy begins twining itself about his legs.

Rebellion Crushed

If the player rebels against any of these or a dozen other measures, his rebellion will be every bit as effective as a fire alarm in a home for the deaf. A show of spirit often results in a slash of salary and if a player resents this to the point of holding out he is often marked with baseball's equivalent of the bar sinister and then he is welcome nowhere.

A team could offer a star player U.S.$500 for the season and the player would have to take it or quit baseball. He couldn't refuse it and sell his services to a higher bidder. As most baseball players are not capable of adapting themselves to another profession, they have to take what is offered them or retire, and this is cutting off the nose to spite the face. In most instances, they take what is given them.

I have often heard arguments as to whether baseball contracts would stand the scrutiny of a court. One school says yes, another says no. As a man whose knowledge of the law is limited to the penalty for parking by fire plugs and smoking in any but the last four rows of buses, I would not like to express an opinion. But don't be surprised if Judge Landis' late ruling doesn't prompt some baseball player to try to find out.—United Press.

More Rivalry Between Corps Cavalry

Light Horse Bowlers to Meet American Troop

Friendly but keen rivalry between the American Troop and the Light Horse will be renewed this evening when the two mounted units of the S.V.C. try to outdo each other on the bowling alleys of the Race Club beginning at 9.15 p.m. The prestige of the units will be at stake, to say nothing of the little matter of chits for dinner and drinks. The duck pins will be attacked by eight-man teams, each of which must include the O.C. which is expected to handicap the teams evenly.

Light Horse.—Capt. H. Maitland, Cpl. A. A. White, L/Cpls. Lewis, A. V. White, M. O. Liddell, W. R. Meathrel; Tprs. A. C. Kew, F. Marshall, J. Hickmott.

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Wellington Koo's Son a Runner

Small Feet a Problem; Only Father's Ancient Track Shoes Fit

New York, Mar. 31.

Wellington Koo, Jr., 18-year-old son of the Chinese Ambassador to France, is filling his fathers shoes—literally—on the Columbia University track team this year because the senior Koo's shoes were the only ones which could be found to fit his son, it was learned today.

When young Koo, a sophomore at Columbia, turned out for track, no new shoes were available to fit his size four-and-a-half feet. After an almost futile search of the Columbia equipment room, a pair of spiked shoes of the proper size finally were found—the same shoes the present Ambassador wore when he carried the Columbia colours in 1909. Now the slim-limbed youngster is attempting to prove his right to fill them in his daily workouts.

116 Pounds Only

Koo is a sprinter as was his father thirty years ago, but the son is handicapped by his small size. Weighing but 115 pounds, he is at a disadvantage competing with the husky sprinters of today. Neither has he the natural speed of such recent Columbia sprinters as Herb West and Ben Johnson.

To offset his lack of physical requisites, Koo has plenty of ambition and determination and Coach Carl Merner expects him to turn in some points for Columbia.

"I don't know how good he'll be," Merner said, "but he has plenty of desire to run—which is one of the big things. I doubt that he will ever be a Johnson but he ought to be a bit of help before he's through here."

Koo is following in his father's footsteps in other activities as well as on the cinderpath. He, too, is a brilliant student as was his father. Also he is trying out for the campus newspaper, the "Spectator," of which his father was an editor.—United Press.

Squash Title at Stake Tonight

Much Interest Focussed On Match Between Green And Pote-Hunt

The final of the senior squash rackets championship will take place at 6.10 p.m. this evening at the Rowing Club courts when D. Green meets J. W. Pote-Hunt for the title. A large crowd is expected to gather to witness the contest and they should not be disappointed in the standard of play they will witness.

It is difficult to predict the winner, each having beaten important squash players in the eliminating rounds and it now remains to be seen how they fare against each other. The two have a similar style of play, with Green adopting the "soft" game to better advantage than Pote-Hunt, the latter excelling however in all-round placements and being capable of some good hard drives which when played low are certain points.

Both have shown themselves possessed of considerable stamina and in competition should be able to last five games should the match go the full length.

Coincidently the finals of the Rowing Club championships will be held. The large entry bring about a grading into four classes and of the 64 players who have entered in the four classes, the following finalists will vie with each other tonight.

Seniors: L. D. Carson *v.* R. S. L. Frewen.

Junior-Seniors: E. P. Morphew, *v.* E. S. J. Phillips.

Juniors: H. C. F. Aris *v.* H. R. Harling.

Griffins: H. Farmer *v.* N. P. Stephanoff.

Airdrieonians Defeat Hearts in Replay

London, Apr. 2.

Replaying their fixture for the second time in the third round of the Scottish Cup yesterday, Hearts, at home, lost to Airdrieonians, 3-4. In a Scottish Eastern League fixture, Raith Rovers defeated Aberdeen 4-1.—Reuter.

Triple Victory for Mrs. McDonnell

Women's Singles Ten-Pin Title Added to Previous Two Championships

Winning the Ladies Ten Pins Championship last night at the Columbia Country Club, Mrs. McDonnell completed a triple victory and set a precedent in local bowling history. She first won the Mixed Doubles with Leo Hilden and then the ladies doubles with Mrs. Hale.

The triple winner scored 515 pins last night to accumulate a grand total of 1,499 which was 41 pins ahead of her nearest competitor, Miss McIntyre.

Following were the final results:—

Mrs. McDonnell	169	182	164	515	1499
Miss McIntyre	178	180	173	531	1458
Mrs. W.H. Mortimer	149	179	159	482	1427
Mrs. Bristow	168	162	166	494	1382
Mrs. Hale	152	158	134	444	1376
Miss Hykes	161	153	159	473	1363
Mrs. Lamneck	136	149	155	440	1340
Mrs. Kwok	133	148	151	432	1338
Mrs. Geibel	98	159	140	397	1325
Mrs. Gregor	147	167	127	441	1298
Mrs. Swan	148	140	120	408	1276
Mrs. Dalton	123	146	119	388	1268
Mrs. Ryan	142	160	168	470	1245
Mrs. Bourne	131	111	120	362	1243
Mrs. Collaco	127	117	135	379	1211
Mrs. D. Nance	119	150	118	387	1193
Mrs. H. Mortimer	100	112	107	319	997

Grand National Call-Over

London, Apr. 2.

Following is yesterday's call-over for the Grand National, to be run at Aintree on April 5:—

6/1 Kilstar offered, 13/2 taken
19/2 Professor offered, 10/1 taken
100/9 MacMoffat offered, 100/8 taken
100/9 Royal Danieli offered
14/1 Symaethis offered
100/7 Milano offered
100/6 Sterling Duke, offered and taken
100/6 Rockquilla offered
18/1 Blackhawk offered, 33/1 taken
33/1 Inversible, offered and taken
—Reuter.

Lincolnshire Call-Over

London, Apr. 2.

The following was yesterday's call-over for the Lincolnshire, which is to be run over one mile tomorrow:—

6/1 Titan offered
6/1 Quartier Maitre offered
10/1 Wonersh offered
100/7 Time Step, offered and taken
100/7 Aldine offered
15/1 Booms-a-Daisy offered, 100/7 taken
100/6 Golden Sovereign offered
100/6 Rosetown offered
20/1 Uncle Archie offered, 18/1 taken
20/1 Ticcagari offered, and taken
33/1 Squadron Castle, offered and taken
—Reuter.

Grapefruit League Play To Begin in Florida

1,000 Baseball Players Now In Sunny Climate

Orlando, Fla., Mar. 28.

An estimated 1,000 baseball players—regulars and rookies—have converged on Florida for their 1940 spring training and the "Grapefruit League" season.

Eleven major and 15 minor league clubs are training in the state this year, with an average of nearly 40 men to the squad, including managers, coaches, trainers, players and hopefuls.

Part of the spring training will be the "graperfuit league" games, which are expected to attract 100,000 spectators.

An all-star rookies game, to be played for the benefit of the Finnish relief fund, is being arranged by Joe Williams, New York sports columnist.

Accompanying the teams are scores of sports writers from home town newspapers and press associations.

Yanks Back Again

Some of the athletes returned to familiar training sites. The New York Yankees, for instance, have trained in St. Petersburg for many years. The same is true of the Cincinnati Reds at Tampa, the Boston Red Sox at Sarasota, the Brooklyn Dodgers at Clearwater and the Washington Senators at Orlando.

Others are newcomers. The Cleveland Indians moved into Fort Myers, where the Philadelphia Athletics trained for more than 10 years. The Philadelphia Phillies went to Miami Beach, and the New York Giants to Winter Haven.

In the old days, the players rode down in a body, aboard trains, but now many of them spend the winter in Florida, where some have bought property and established winter homes. More than a score of players live at Sarasota during the "off season."

Six National League teams, five from the American League, seven from the American Association and six from the International League train in Florida. Two come from the Southern Association.

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Hungary Divided Over Policy

Revisionists, Pro-Nazi Factions Make Problem Difficult for Premier

Paris, Apr. 1.

With Nazis in Hungary agitating for a more pro-German policy while the revisionists still eye the formerly Austro-Hungarian province of Transylvania, a difficult situation has arisen before Count Paul Teleky, the Premier, Hungarian quarters here declared today.

Transylvania today forms part of Rumania, occupies more than one-sixth the total territory and supports close on 3,500,000 people, or nearly one-fifth the total population of Rumania. It is rich in wheat.

The speech made before the Soviet Supreme Council by M. Viacheslav Molotov, when he raised the even more thorny problem of Bessarabia, formerly Russian province now included within Rumanian borders, is believed here to have strengthened the hand of the revionists.

When Germany invaded Czechoslovakia, Hungary seized the opportunity, capitalized on the Czechs' defeat and secured the return of a large area of the Carpathian Ukraine. If Russia takes strong action in the Bessarabian question, Hungary might again take the opportunity and seek readjustment of her problem, the revisionists believe.

Count Teleky is also beset by the Nazis and by those who have succumbed to their persuasion. While he himself represents the large land-owners who wish to maintain full economic independence, the smaller land-owners urge closer co-operation with Berlin. They well know, it was pointed out here, that co-operation with Germany means "annexation" of the Hungarian economic system by the German system, which supports the small property-owners against the big. Berlin, however, urges that the Balkan "status quo" be maintained and that Hungarian revisionist claims be postponed. Rome is alleged to have received formal assurances from the Hungarian Premier that no revisionist demands will be presented before peace is restored in Europe.

Count Teleky therefore finds himself in a difficult middle position between the revisionists and the middle-class small land-owners, with binding commitments limiting his action in regard to both parties. He will need all his acumen to resist and successfully overcome the opposition that besets his path of government, Hungarian circles here asserted.—Havas.

Budapest, Apr. 1.

Count Paul Teleky conferred with the Regent, Admiral Nicholas Horthy tonight to present a detailed report on his Rome parleys with both Signor Benito Mussolini and Count Galeazzo Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister. The two Parliamentary foreign affairs committees will probably meet on Thursday to hear a similar report on the international situation from the Foreign Minister, Count Stephen Csaky.

Diplomatic quarters asserted Count Teleky's trip to Rome obviously served to tighten Hungaro-Italian bonds of friendship and to confirm the talks held in Venice some time ago by Count Csaky and Count Ciano, when co-operation between the two countries was formally affirmed.

Count Teleky issued an official declaration to the press on his Rome visit. He said that while his trip was of a private nature, it was only natural that he should meet Il Duce and Count Ciano and that they should discuss the international situation. The visit, he said resulted in confirmation of Hungaro-Italian friendship, "which is based on long co-operation." Hungary's policy and objectives, he continued, are well known for they have been stated many times, and "they cannot change."

With general European interests at heart, Hungary wishes to attain her set aims peacefully if possible, Count Teleky emphasized. All nations which are serious about their mission in the communal life of Europe as a whole, he continued, must endeavour to attain peace which will bring an end to injustices and permit European life to go on normally, without fear.—Havas.

Japan-Columbia Barter Accord Reached

Japanese Exports to Latin American State Increased

Tokyo, Apr. 2.

Providing for a 16-fold increase in the average yearly value of Japanese exports to Columbia, a barter trade agreement was concluded between the Tokyo and the Caracas governments recently, the "Chugai Shogyo Shimpo," Japan's leading commercial daily, reported here today.

The accord would be announced on April 12, the newspaper stated.

Annual Japanese exports to Columbia under the accord, the "Chugai Shogyo" said, would amount to Y.8,000,000 a year. They would comprise cotton piece goods, rayon textiles and miscellaneous goods.

Japanese imports from Columbia would be ox hides, coffee and other raw products.

Japanese exports to the South American country averaged Y.500,000 a year. Last year Japan bought from Columbia goods worth Y.155,538 and exported commodities valued at Y.592,744, although in 1938, imports amounted to Y.910,525 against exports of Y.425,848. In 1937 purchases from Columbia were appraised at Y.704,555 against shipments totalling Y.617,093.—Domei.

Allies in Shameen to Buy Ambulance

Anglo-French Solidarity Demonstrated

Canton, Apr. 2.

Anglo-French solidarity was shown in a minor way in Shameen at the annual meeting of the British Association.

A motion was put before the meeting and passed unanimously that the British community join forces with the French in launching an "Allied Red Cross Appeal," for the purchase of an ambulance to be presented to the Allied Armed Forces, or any other appropriate gift.

It was decided to open a subscription list, and organize Anglo-French social evenings and other suitable means of collecting funds.—Reuter.

Ten Classes of Italian Naval Reserves Called

Paris, Apr. 1.

Ten classes of naval reserves were summoned by the Italian Government to re-enlist immediately for instruction, the "Paris Soir" reported this evening from Rome. All fishing boats and steamships meanwhile have received the "invitation" to return to their home ports, the same newspaper asserted.—Havas.

U.S. Envoy Urges True Education

Mr. James Cromwell on Combatting Propaganda In "Battle of Ideas"

Toronto, Apr. 1.

Education in democratic ideals in order to circument "those who would divest men of every human freedom, diverting their fears and suspicions with words of false security," was urged yesterday by Mr. James Cromwell, United States Minister to Canada.

"In the battle of ideas, which is being fought out in every part of the world, deception and camouflage have been developed as an art as great as in war.

"We see those who would destroy human dignity—by the enforcement of unquestioned obedience—hold the mirage of superiority before the eyes of their people to lead them towards the abyss of aggression and conquest.

"We must shape our democratic ideals and processes to the end that the problems which tyranny falsely boasts can be solved only by the sword, shall be solved by free men under free institutions," Mr. Cromwell concluded.—Reuter.

U.S. Envoy Returning To Paris Soon

Demand for Testimony on German White Book

Washington, Apr. 1.

Mr. William C. Bullitt, American Ambassador to Paris, will return to his post at the beginning of next week, it was learned today.

A demand that U.S. Ambassador to Paris, Mr. William Bullitt, be called before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to testify on the authenticity of the documents making up the German White Book was voiced today by Democratic Senator Robert Reynolds of Maryland.

In his address, which took place during a discussion of German propaganda, Senator Reynolds also asked that U.S. Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles, just returned from a tour of the important European capitals, be brought before the Committee to testify on the results of his mission.

Senator Reynolds is an ardent Isolationist, and was one of the bitterest opponents of the lifting of the arms embargo during the revision of the Neutrality Law. He is the leader of a movement which has for its slogan "Keep us out of War."

Senator James Byrne responded briefly, and requested that that the extract from "Mein Kampf" in which Hitler declares "We must place the entire blame for the war on the enemy whether that is the truth or not" be published in the congressional record.—Havas.

Chungking Welcomes "Soong Sisters"

Women Plan Meeting to Voice Appreciation

Chungking, Apr. 2.

Chinese women's organizations here are planning a meeting to welcome the "three Soong sisters," who arrived from Hongkong two days ago.

Madame Sun Yat-sen, who is visiting the war-time capital for the first time, is staying with Madame H. H. Kung, her elder sister.

Mr. T. V. Soong, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank of China, gave a dinner last night, in honour of his three sisters.

In an interview, Madame Chiang Kai-shek expressed gratification at the arrival of her two sisters, and hoped that they would remain in Chungking to continue work among Chinese women, in connection with the present war of resistance.—Reuter.

U.S. Fleet Slips Out of Harbour

130 War Vessels to Begin Extensive Manœuvres in Pacific Ocean

San Pedro, Apr. 2.

Secrecy today surrounded the movements of 130 United States warships, which slipped out of San Diego harbour sometime after midnight last night to begin the most extensive Pacific manœuvres ever carried out by the United States Fleet.

Their plans carefully guarded, eleven dreadnaughts, accompanied by heavy cruisers and destroyers, left the harbour to be joined by light cruisers, destroyer flotillas and submarines "somewhere in the Pacific."

Nine sweepers cleared channels ahead of the warships and a cordon of destroyers shielded the dreadnaughts.

The ships were divided into "Black" and "White" fleets for "warm-up" tactics while en route to Hawaii, where they will lay over for five days while the ships are refueled for the beginning of the serious game of protecting the United States from a "theoretic" enemy.

New Importance

The manœuvres took on new importance this year, in view of tense Japanese-American relations and the European war. The lessons learned from actual war-time action by the Allied and German Fleets in European waters were expected to be used by the Fleet during the major manœuvres, which, it was believed, would extend farther west than ever before.

The Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Charles Edison, who accompanied the Fleet when it left San Diego, will inspect naval fortifications at Hawaii when the warships arrive there.

When the Fleet leaves Hawaii the ships will be divided into the maroon and purple squadrons for the major war games.—United Press.

No Threat to Any Nation

Washington, Apr. 2.

The current manœuvres of the United States Fleet in the Pacific is "a threat to no one, but might be regarded as a friendly warning to anyone not to get too close to the New World," the ranking minority leader of the House Naval Affairs Committee, Mr. Melvin J. Maas, said here last night.

The object of the manœuvres, he said, is to protect the United States and the rest of the Western Hemisphere, particularly the Panama Canal.

"Although the Fleet will be Far out in the Pacific," Mr. Maas explained, "the basic aim will be the same as last year when manœuvres were held in the Caribbean."

Japan has "no cause to complain," Mr. Maas continued, because the Japanese Navy got very close to Alaska during Japanese manœuvres.—United Press.

Newspaperman Nabbed, For "Questioning"

Abductors Wanted Details About Paper's Policy

Mr. Chu Tso-tung, manager of the American-owned Chinese-language "Hwa Mei Wan Pao" was detained at 35 and 76 Jessfield Road for over 15 hours and questioned with regard to the policy of his newspaper before being released shortly after 3 p.m. yesterday.

At about midnight yesterday, Mr. Chu was in the Honeymoon gambling den on Great Western Road when one of the attendants told him that someone wished to see him outside. When he arrived outside, a man asked him whether he was "Mr. T. T. Chu." He answered in the affirmative and was led to a group of four or five other men who asked him the same question. They also wanted to know whether he was carrying a pistol. When he said that he did not, they produced Mausers and forced Mr. Chu into a waiting motorcar which dashed to 35 Jessfield Road where he was questioned for the better part of the night.

Yesterday morning, Mr. Chu was sent to 76 Jessfield Road from where he was released just after 3 p.m. yesterday.

The S.M.P. did not investigate the case, as it occurred in territory outside their jurisdiction.

Divorce Action in British Court

In H. M. Supreme Court, before Judge Sir Allan Mossop yesterday, a decree nisi with costs was granted to Mrs. Marias Judah in a divorce action against Mr. Joseph Edwin Judah. Mr. K. E. Newman appeared for the petitioner.

Another Broadcast

The Secretary of State for India and Burma, the Marquis of Zetland, will broadcast on India over the B.B.C. at 8.20 p.m. G.M.T. on April 3 (Shanghai time 4.20 a.m. April 4). Recordings of his speech will be given on April 4 at 1.50 a.m. G.M.T. (Shanghai time 9.50 a.m.) on GSD, GSC, GSE, GSB; at 8.15 a.m. G.M.T. (Shanghai time 4.15 p.m.) on GSB, GSF, GSP and GSI; at 2 p.m. G.M.T. (Shanghai time 10 p.m.) on GSD, GSF, GSG, GSV, and GST; and finally, at 7.35 p.m. G.M.T. (Shanghai time, 3.35 a.m. April 5) on GSD, GSI, GSC and GSP.

Post Office Ordered to "Chop" Mail

Welcome to New Regime to Be Put on Letters

The first noticeable interference by the new Chinese regime in Nanking with a Chungking administration in Shanghai was seen yesterday when it was authoritatively learned that the Shanghai Post Office had been asked to chop words in commemoration of the establishment of the new regime on mail destined for occupied districts.

A rubber seal has been used for several days to print the words "In commemoration of the return to the capital of the National Government" on such mail. The practice has not been followed in foreign areas here, however. An official of the Shanghai Post Office said that such a seal could not be considered as an official seal of the Post Office itself, because the chop is not used on postage stamps.

The Post Office here has not hoisted the flag of the new Nanking government.

Since French authorities in Haiphong are strictly examining parcels sent from Shanghai to the interior through Haiphong, forbidding German goods, it is also authoritatively learned that the Shanghai Post Office has received a request to that effect. In order to avoid confiscation the Post Office here has been asked to ask people here not to mail parcels containing German goods.

Currency Restrictions In S. China Enforced

Travellers in the Japanese-controlled areas near Canton were forbidden to carry more than Y.200 in Japanese military notes effective on Monday, the "Tairiku Shimpo" reported yesterday.

The maximum amount of valuables that may be carried by the travellers was restricted to Y.500, amounts beyond Y.200 in Japanese military notes to be in cheques or securities, according to Japanese military regulations.

The transportation of military notes from Canton to Hongkong and Amoy, and vice versa, was prohibited, except in the cases of persons in transit, the newspaper added.

Vast Mitsui Merger Announced

Trade Empire of Single Japanese Family Opened To Public Capital

Tokyo, Apr. 2.

Introducing a radical change in the vast Mitsui business empire, Japan's greatest trade and industrial organization, the Mitsui Gomei Kaisha, parent holding company, and the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, will be merged, Domei learned here today.

The Finance Ministry gave its approval to the revolutionary step which was decided upon by Mitsui Gomei Kaisha partners and the shareholders of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha at meeting of March 25.

The new firm was expected to come into being in mid-August with a capital of Y.344,499,500, of which Y.247,367,275 would be paid up.

The Mitsui Gomei Kaisha, a closed partnership, is now capitalized at Y.300,000,000 whereof Y.247,000,000 is paid up. The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, which controls a large share of Japan's overseas trade, is capitalized at Y.150,000,000 whereof Y.125,000,000 is paid up.

The merger, which will spell the end of one of the greatest partnerships restricted to one family in the world, was necessitated by demands for more funds to carry on expanded activities. The Mitsui Gomei Kaisha, as a holding company, was interested in a variety of enterprises ranging from shipbuilding to the production of chicken food.

The parent company was understood to require Y.450,000,000 to finance the expansion of its subsidiaries, including Y.300,000,000 to enable the Mitsui Mining Company and others to carry out an expansion programme in China.

The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha had found it necessary to double its capital to maintain its credit abroad and properly execute plans for an increase in its foreign trade.

By the breakdown of family control in the holding company, not only will other capital be introduced into the vast Mitsui empire, but the Government's influence in the conduct of the firm's affairs will also become greater. As a partnership, Mitsui Gomei could neither mortage its holdings, nor float debentures. An increase in the capital of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha was balked by legal restrictions and the prospect of a vast increase in taxation.—Domei.

Credits of U.S.$15,000,000 for a new set of locks for the Panama Canal were approved by the U. S. Senate Appropriations Sub-committee. The House of Representatives, which has already rejected these credits, therefore will have to debate the problem anew.

Molotov Speech Seen as Japan's Opportunity

Tokyo Vacillation Keeps Moscow Worried

Tokyo, Apr. 2.

While the address by M. Viacheslav Molotov, Foreign Commissar, was severely criticized by the "Asahi Shimbun" for Russia's alleged bargaining attitude towards Japan, the "Kokumin Shimbun" here today took a sympathetic view of the Soviet stand.

Observing that the Japanese Government, from the standpoint of its world policy, had not yet decided whether to ally itself with Great Britain or Russia, the "Kokumin" said that such a vacillating attitude would naturally be expected to make the Soviet reluctant to collaborate wholeheartedly with Japan. In order to improve Japanese-Soviet relations, it was vital that Tokyo clarify its attitude on this point. the paper said.—Domei.

"The China Digest"

The April issue of "The China Digest" with which is incorporated "Spotlite" is bright and interesting as usual. There are some attractive photographs of students at the Shanghai Dramatic School for Children—the majority of them refugees—going through their intricate studies. This school for the budding Chinese actor was founded two months ago and is the first in Shanghai, the second in the whole of China. More child refugees—from Germany—are shown at less exciting studies. The magazine contains a very varied and well-selected collection of articles, gathered from all over the world.

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MOLOTOV'S SPEECH

The worldwide reaction to M. Molotov's speech before the Supreme Council of the Soviet last Friday is of the greatest possible importance, for the attention which is being paid to what he said completely surpasses any that has been given to Herr Hitler's lucubrations since the outbreak of war. The interest it has created may be due to a number of causes. Obviously the first is that Soviet Russia, having brought its Finnish adventure to an end at no small cost to itself, has reaped the immediate advantages of the Soviet-German agreement of August last, and has reassumed its position of neutrality; the second is that M. Molotov's speech reveals the fact that the German attempt to bring about a closer tripartite understanding between Italy, Russia and Germany has completely failed, and the third that the Hitlerian project for the carving up of the Balkans into three spheres of influence by those three Powers has met with the same fate. German diplomacy has failed to achieve one of Herr Hitler's major ambitions, and in failing has suffered a defeat of the first magnitude. All this need not necessarily mean that Moscow will definitely retreat from the position it adopted when it entered into the august pact with Berlin, but in the words of the Italian journal "La Stampa" "Stalin has recovered his neutral position as soon as it was possible, and is now waiting for the progressive efforts of the belligerents to offer him the most favourable chance to realize the imperialist intentions and programmes of old Russia and to try eventually to introduce Bolshevism to Europe and Asia." In other words M. Stalin has retraced his steps, having obtained all he wants at present in the Baltic, and has taken up a position from which he expects to be able to snatch any profit from the further progress of the war between the Allies and Germany. It is a purely opportunist policy on the part of the Soviet leader, and augurs no better for Germany than it may for the Allies. The latter need have no very great concern as to the next steps the Soviet may take, for it is obvious that they have already made their dispositions to meet any threat Russia may offer irrespective of where it may be presented.

This adoption of opportunist neutrality is all of a piece with the whole of the Soviet policy. The resistance of the Finns put an end to the Soviet's idea that by fishing quietly in troubled waters it could hope to enrich itself with spoils at little cost to itself, and the knowledge that the Allies are better prepared to offer a successful resistance to any Soviet schemes than was gallant Finland should have the effect of restraining M. Stalin's appetite. The Allies are in a position to offer a check to any schemes which Russia may have in the Balkans or the Near or Middle East, and with the support which is already in being for Turkey it can be confidently expected that M. Stalin will be obliged to wait until more propitious times come round,—if ever they do,—before embarking upon any further schemes for territorial aggrandisement, or for the expansion of the Bolshevik revolution. The whole situation adds point to the comment which was made in this column a few days ago relative to the necessity of having a strong Japan in the Far East. The arrangements which the Allies have made in the Near East, together with a strong Japan in Asia are the best guarantees for the future inaction of the Soviet Government. The Allies are not to be expected to attack Russia. No war with that country will happen unless she takes the offensive, but the Allies will never lose sight of the fact that the ambitions which Bolshevik Russia holds just as much as it did in imperial days may sooner or later lead to a clash.

The situation thus created by M. Molotov's speech necessitates a review of the whole position. It is clear that Herr Hitler can no longer hold up Soviet Russia as a bogey with which to frighten the Allies. It is even clearer that the Kremlin is not prepared to throw itself into Germany's arms, while whatever assistance Germany hopes to obtain from Russia will undoubtedly have to be paid for and that handsomely. It is extremely doubtful whether Germany will be able to obtain much from her neighbour. Russia is barely supplying enough raw materials and foodstuffs to meet her own internal needs, and the possibility of expanding her resources is not only a question of finance but very much so of time, and while Germany may have all the time she wants, she has not got the money. An endeavour to surmount this difficulty by the barter system is not likely to prove satisfactory because of the fact that Russia is unable quickly to absorb the products of German heavy industry at a rate sufficiently fast to make any such system workable. These facts, and the Soviet's retreat to its former position must be disquieting factors for Herr Hitler. It is plain evidence of the failure of his policy in this respect. To have succeeded in uniting Italy, Russia and Germany into a formidable anti-democratic bloc would indeed have been an extraordinary feat. The dice, however, were loaded against Berlin, for the most difficult part of the task was to persuade Signor Mussolini of the wisdom of any such combination. That Herr Hitler for his own purposes could throw over the whole of his own doctrines in return for an understanding with the Soviet Government was one thing, that Signor Mussolini should do the same because it was necessary to Herr Hitler was an entirely different one. It was for that reason that the loudly advertised meeting of the two dictators in the Brenner Pass came to a fruitless conclusion. There is also the possibility that there would have been failure on the Russian side as well, for M. Molotov has made it quite clear that the Soviet desires to keep out of the war, while there was the danger that, had Herr Hitler succeeded in bringing into being the tripartite understanding, Russia would inevitably have been dragged into hostilities, and such hostilities which would have been very uncomfortable for her. The destruction which the Allies are capable of inflicting upon her, the possibility of a long unfruitful war disturbing the internal security of Russia are factors which M. Stalin was unlikely to ignore, and the whole episode is a clear indication of how circumstances are now commencing to operate against the fortunes of the Reich.

A Regrettable Step

The news that Mr. Ranald G. McDonald has decided to stand as a candidate for election to the Shanghai Municipal Council was not unexpected, though it is nevertheless greatly to be regretted. Mr. McDonald offered himself for the suffrages of the British voters in the straw vote conducted by the British election committee, and he was not successful. Since then he has been endeavouring to extract information concerning the straw vote, which it was not in the general interest of the British community should be made public, and he was not given it. That Mr. McDonald as a ratepayer has every legal right to offer himself for election in the manner he has there cannot be the slightest possible doubt, but there is very considerable question whether he has adopted the most honourable course in doing what he has done. It will be remembered that as the means of avoiding split votes the scheme was adopted some years ago whereby the British and American communities each selected their candidates by means of straw votes, the underlying principle being that those who stood in the straw votes would abide by the decision of the voters and refrain from offering themselves as candidates in the municipal election itself if they had not been successful. That understanding has been faithfully observed ever since the system was introduced. It was perfectly well known throughout the whole of Shanghai, and it was believed that when he offered himself as a candidate in the straw vote Mr. McDonald accepted that position. That he had not comes very much as a painful surprise. It is true that no formal undertaking in writing had been required of the candidates in the straw vote, probably because it was felt that there was no real need to reduce a gentleman's agreement to the formality of a written document. Mr. McDonald, it is understood, considers that he has some grievances against the election committee because they did not publish all he sent them concerning his qualifications, and further that by some mishap his name was incorrectly spelled. With regard to the first he received just as much publicity as the rest of the candidates, and it may as well be pointed out that the capabilities of Mr. McDonald are so widely known that he could suffer no disadvantage at not being given greater space in the straw vote literature than he received. The second point is just as trivial, for the British voters were perfectly certain as to his identity by reason of the description of his qualifications which was published. If it is because of these trifling matters that Mr. McDonald considers himself justified in endeavouring at this juncture to throw a monkey wrench into the electoral machinery, it is as well that he should know that there are not many who will agree with him, for it is apparent that this attempt to bring about a split in the British vote at a time such as this is a direct blow against British interests. Voters will best show their indignation at Mr. McDonald's most unfortunate action by taking care that he shall receive none of their votes, and making sure that their suffrages are cast only for the official British and American candidates, for apart from other considerations it must be quite obvious that a man, taking such an injudicious action in the light of prevailing circumstances, is not one to whom the representation of British, or for that matter any other interests on the Municipal Council should be granted.

War-Time Air Services

Representations made to Sir Kingsley Wood, Secretary of State for Air, by the Civil Aviation of the London Chamber of Commerce, have elicited the information that plans for the continuation and expansion of British air services overseas are not being neglected. On the contrary, reversion to pre-war frequency on some routes and the fulfilment of pre-war plans for other routes are on the Ministry's programme, Sir Kingsley told the delegation which called upon him at the Air Ministry. The South African route will be restored to the pre-war basis, and the new route to Lisbon is expected to start next month now that political objections have been removed. The trans-Atlantic service is still uppermost in the Ministry's mind and therefore a service to South America may be a distant possibility, but the North American route still enjoys priority. This is encouraging news for it reveals that the Ministry is fully alive to the necessity of not only maintaining but expanding pre-war plans for widening the scope of operations of British air services, which now cover large areas of the globe. Much time, money and experimentation had been spent on developing the service from Ireland to Newfoundland when the war started, and trials with developed types of aircraft specially designed for this service had proved the practical nature of such a service. Giant flying boats were making regular trips to Newfoundland and thence to New York, and in performance and passenger accommodation—although passengers were not commercially carried—British machines were proved second-to-none in service across the Atlantic. The outbreak of war necessarily curtailed these activities for the diversion of efforts to more important purposes of national security. Now that aeroplane construction and the provision of an adequate air fleet are in an advanced stage of realization it is only reasonable that some attention should be paid to the British international air system which had reached such a state of competitive efficiency before the war. It has been consistently pointed out by British statesmen that in the titanic struggle ahead of the nations the necessity for maintaining the normal organization of overseas trade and industrial production is even more urgent than in peace-time for while the nation's domestic resources are geared to the immensity of the task, Britain's essential lifelines are the commercial contacts she maintains with the world. Among these are air communications and Britain cannot afford to permit neutral countries to gain ascendancy no matter how serious are the calls at home. Great progress was made before the war in extending British air lines to the farthest corners of the globe. In fact, Britain had built up the greatest system of international air communications in the world and still there remained great conquests to be made. The assurances of Sir Kingsley Wood that this objective has not been swamped by war-time needs of another character afford ample evidence that there will be no neglect in the consummation of the plans laid down and developed through years of peace-time enterprise. And one of the steps in the right direction, already announced in this journal, is the amalgamation of Imperial Airways and British Airways into one single corporation, the British Overseas Airways Corporation, which unites the Empire and friendly nations with the home country and touches 27 different countries, Dominions and colonies.

World's Social Progress

The Organizing Committee for the League of Nations Central Committee on Social and Economic Questions met at The Hague on February 7 for two days. Representatives of ten countries discussed how the League's technical organizations might best be adapted for assisting countries in solving the problems of economic organization and the maintenance of a desirable standard of living. These technical bodies have already proven their value. In spite of war conditions, the League Economic and Intelligence Service has continued to publish month after month its surveys of business, trade, movements of population, and movements of prices, particularly with regard to the essential raw materials and foodstuffs. The Health Organization has produced its weekly survey showing the incidence of epidemic and infectious disease the world over. It has been able to work across frontiers to organize and co-ordinate the despatch of sera to Turkey to prevent the spread of disease following upon the calamitous earthquakes in that country. Surveys on problems of public health and of social and economic organization in rural areas continue to appear. Recognizing the value of the studies produced by the League's technical organs, the Assembly meeting in December felt the importance of giving fresh stimulus to this work. This will be the primary function of the new Central Committee on Social and Economic Questions. The new body will view as a whole the studies and co-operative enterprises which are being carried out in many different fields and will be able to effect a useful co-ordination between scientific research and humanitarian effort. The effect of the Central Committee's work will be to apply to problems of human life and social security the results of scientific study. The complexity of these problems needs no emphasis. One of the members of the Organizing Committee defined in the following way the questions that face human society:

(1) The economic situation of nations—population questions, access to raw materials, trade, transport, public credit, economic crises;
(2) The welfare of the individual—the maintenance of a desirable standard of living, nutrition, housing, public health, medical and social services;
(3) Problems of post-war reconstruction—refugees, demobilization, the transformation of war industries, the readaptation of the machinery of production and distribution to a state of peace.

The Committee discussed the principles to be followed in the selection of Member States and of individuals to be appointed in a personal capacity, and entrusted to its president and the Secretary-General the task of drawing up suggestions regarding the appointment of eight further States and five or six individuals. Dr. Colijn and M. Avenol will continue in Geneva the consultations begun at The Hague and will make proposals to the Organizing Committee.

OWNERS AND TRAINERS

Harmonious Relationships of the Turf

The maintenance of a harmonious relationship between owner and trainer depends on several factors. It is certainly a great test of the character and temperament of both parties, but assuming the loyalty and competence of the trainer, much depends on how the owner meets with "triumph and disaster" and whether or not he can "treat those two imposters just the same." Reverses, disappointments and lean seasons are likely to cause a strain on the patience and loyalty of the owner if he does thoroughly understand racing and all its vicissitudes and hazards. Sooner or later it will be suggested to him by his friends that by omission or commission, his trainer has been at fault, when his horses have failed to win; if he loses confidence in his trainer, friction will develop and eventually he will come to the conclusion, rightly or wrongly, that his horses will do better in another stable.

The standard of general efficiency among trainers does vary of course, but successful members of the profession themselves admit that the ability to bring the average horse to prime racing condition and to know when he has attained it cannot be claimed to be a rare gift; the process demands some experience and discrimination but only in such degree as many an ordinary groom can acquire and be relied on to exercise. Broadly speaking, writes Yeoman in the "Field," a horse will be prepared for his engagements as well in one established stable as another, and in those exceptional cases where to all appearances the standard of achievement is below the average the reason may be traced to one of two reasons. Either the trainer is habitually impatient and tries to render fit horses which are not physically ready for the process, or he is mean with the quantity or quality of his oats and other fodder. In either instance he has not learnt, or foolishly chooses to ignore, elementary facts and is not fitted for his job.

Most Important Responsibilities

The difference between good trainers and those whose services are less satisfactory to the average owner, lies less in what they do on the training grounds, than in ability to exploit such merits as horses possess to the utmost advantage on the race-course. Choice of engagements is usually left to the trainer and whether the owner is a betting man or not he will expect him to express as a rule, and with some precision, his opinion of the chance of any of his runners. These responsibilities are most important in the relationship of owner and trainer and when ructions and partings occur the cause in most cases may be traced to the owner's dissatisfaction with the trainer's judgment in these matters.

One often hears it said of a trainer "he never knows when his horses have a chance," or "he's such an optimist; he would break the Bank of England." Strange though it may seem, many who are subject to this criticism are consistently successful but their chief patrons do not bet and are probably wealthy breeders. They have good horses who are liberally engaged in rich stakes. In most of these instances the trainer receives a commission up to 10 per cent. on all first-prize money won for an owner, so he himself has not any need to bet or to worry very much about thorough trials on the training ground.

Many successful business men take up racing, confident that they can make that pay too. They either know nothing about the sport or possess that little knowledge which may be very dangerous in racing, and disturbing to the relations of owner and trainer. If their lack of knowledge is allied to a suspicious mind they are likely to fall out with one or more good trainers before they learn their lesson and realize that wealth and business acumen cannot command success in racing.

The heavy betting owner can be a source of great anxiety to a trainer but that is partly because the latter is expected to exercise particular care in "placing" his horses and has the precarious responsibility of advising his patron when to bet.

IN PARENTHESIS

Mixed

"WITH arms clasped round the mudguards, my feet on the saddle, and my heart in my mouth, I did my level best to keep my head."

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Contortionist

"WELL, madam, what's your trouble?"

"It's pains in my arms, doctor. I can hardly lift them above my head; it's the same with my legs."

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Picking

IT is related that an elderly city gentleman stood in front of a dental display window, earnestly scanning its contents.

"I think I would like a set like that," he muttered.

"Hush," said his companion. "Don't you know it's impolite to pick your teeth in public!"

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First Choice

BOBBIE brought a line to the schoolmistress, which read:—

"Dear Teacher: Will you please let Bobbie sit in a place that is not draughty."

That afternoon Bobbie brought the reply:—

"Dear Madam:—When I find a place in this school that isn't draughty I'm going to sit there myself."

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Inspiration

THE Vicar's little daughter was watching daddy at work at his desk.

"What are you writing, daddy?" she asked.

"My sermon for next Sunday," replied daddy.

"And does God tell you what to say?"

"Of course, dear."

"Then why do you keep scratching words out?"

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Thrift

SANDY, of the thrifty race, was looking for diggings. At a house where the card said: "Board and lodging to suit all pockets," he interviewed the landlady.

"It's a pound on the first floor, 15s. on the next, 10s. on the third, and 5s. on the fourth," she said.

Sandy stepped back in the road and glanced upwards.

"Sorry, lady," he said, "the building isn't high enough."

Allies Determined to Stop Nazi Supplies

Mr. Chamberlain Warns Neutrals of Danger of German Domination; Commons Informed of New Decisions Taken at Supreme War Council

London, Apr. 2.

MR. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, in the House of Commons today said the "Allies are determined to continue to intensify the blockade in every way." He emphasized that Britain would do everything possible to halt iron ore shipments to Germany from Scandinavia and said that "other measures are under consideration. His Majesty's ships already have taken certain particular steps."

Mr. Chamberlain warned the neutral states against Germany, saying that "any aid the neutrals might give Germany might, if carried far enough, render them liable to the hideous fate that has overtaken previous victims of German policy."

The Prime Minister referred to the close co-operation between Britain and France as a result of the last meeting of the Supreme War Council, which gave the British delegates an opportunity to meet M. Paul Reynaud, the new French Premier and President of the Council.

Announcing that he believed those present desired to "hear something of the last meeting of the Supreme War Council in London on March 28," Mr. Chamberlain disclosed that "this meeting gave us an opportunity to welcome M. Paul Reynaud for the first time since he became president of the Council. He was, however, already well-known to us and the general public of this country for his great work as Minister of Finance, for the part he played to bring about the Anglo-French financial agreement last December and for his untiring devotion to the common cause which unites our two countries.

Important Decisions Taken

"The Supreme War Council reviewed the developments of the strategic situation and took various important decisions regarding the future line of action of the Allies. This is not the occasion to reveal the terms of those decisions but I dare say that the House will have no great difficulty in guessing the general nature of the tenor of the discussions which were so harmoniously conducted.

Mr. Chamberlain continued, "What emerged from the meeting and was displayed to the public eye was a solemn declaration to which the two Governments have set their hands. In recent months collaboration for the unity of purpose between this country and France has been growing ever closer. I already have mentioned the financial agreement of last December. Since then we have expanded our arrangements to cover commercial questions and the supply of munitions, and only the other day the Colonial Secretary (Mr. Malcolm MacDonald) met his French colleague in Paris where they together agreed on plans for the closest co-operation.

"By solemn declaration our two Governments have now extended the scope of these arrangements to all spheres affecting the interests and security of the two nations.

Text of Allied Declaration

"The declaration, which was issued March 28, reads as follows:

"The Government of the French Republic and his Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, Great Britain and Northern Ireland, mutually undertake that during the present war they will neither negotiate nor conclude armistice or a treaty of peace except by mutual agreement. They undertake not to discuss peace terms before reaching complete agreement on the conditions necessary to ensure each of them an effective and lasting guarantee of security.

"'Finally they undertake to maintain, after the conclusion of peace, community of action in all spheres for so long as it may be necessary to safeguard their security and to effect reconstruction, with the assistance of other nations, of international order which will ensure liberty and the peoples respect for law and the maintenance of peace in Europe.'

"If this declaration dealt only with the conduct of war it might have been criticized in view of the complete unity of purpose already existing between the two countries. But it goes far beyond the expression of British and French determination to fight together for common victory and provides for continuous Anglo-French co-operation in the establishment of peace and the reconstruction of international order designed to ensure liberty and the peoples respect for law and the maintenance of peace in Europe.

Two Salient Features

"This House will have observed two salient features of the declaration, namely; First; any proposals for peace by whatever source would not even be discussed before this country and France will have reached a full agreement for a true peace safeguarding their own security and that of other free nations in Europe. Second, that after the conclusion of peace, while the assistance of other nations will be welcomed in the reconstruc-

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Allied, Nazi Air Forces Active

Many German Warplanes Downed; Flights Made Over Neutral Nations

London, Apr. 2.

Three R.A.F. pilots fought two German Heinkels only 29 feet above sea level over the North Sea today. The three pilots had never before been in battle. One pilot received a flesh wound. He landed his machine as soon as he crossed the British coast.

A statement issued by the German official news agency, from Berlin, that "enemy" aircraft flew over Western Germany on Sunday night, is confirmed by the Air Ministry here. It is added by the Air Ministry that all the British aircraft returned safely to their bases.—Reuter.

Many Planes over Belgium

Amsterdam, Apr. 2.

Foreign planes have been reported over Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg within the past 24 hours.

At the Hague it is officially reported that planes were sighted yesterday afternoon over Gelderland. These machines were chased off by Dutch air patrols. Brussels reports that foreign aircraft were over Belgium yesterday afternoon and this morning, seven being identified as German and one as British. Belgian ambassadors in Berlin and London have been instructed to make energetic protests.

A French bomber made a forced landing early this morning in Luxembourg because of engine trouble. One of the occupants was injured and taken to hospital. The bomber was destroyed by fire. The four others in the 'plane were interned.—Reuter.

Air Battle Near Dutch Border

Winterswijk, Apr. 2.

A long and fierce air battle was reported near the German town of Borken, close to Winterswijk, last night in which some planes occasionally flew over Holland. The planes could not be identified in the darkness. Results were so far unknown. Netherlands fighting planes took to the air to prevent any possible territorial violations by the belligerants.—United Press.

French Claim Air Victims

Paris, Apr. 2.

French war planes shot down several German raiders in a series of air battles yesterday, French military sources said today.—United Press.

Calm Night on Front

Paris, Apr. 2.

The night on the front was calm on the whole, this morning's official communique announced.

Although there was some artillery fire, yesterday was marked mostly by aerial activities. The Germans sent many observation planes over the frontier, sometimes in squadrons of ten. Several fights occurred but military quarters declare that it is too soon to know the definite results of these fights, although it has been ascertained that no French planes have been lost. British machines effected a number of reconnaissance flights over the Reich and took many photographs.—Havas.

Heavy Artillery Fire

Paris, Apr. 2.

Artillery fire was particularly heavy yesterday, in the region immediately west of the Saar, according to the latest French war communique issued here.

Both air forces were very active, and several air fights took place, the results of which are not yet known. All French machines returned safely to their bases, it is stated. In engagements on March 31, one French fighter patrol encountered much superior enemy forces. Two French single-seater fighters were brought down, and one of the pilots saved himself by using his parachute, the communique adds. The other planes returned to their bases.—Reuter.

British Deny Plane Shot Down

London, Apr. 2.

The British Air Ministry today branded as "unfounded" German claims that a British reconnaissance plane had been shot down over Heligoland Bight by a group of German Messerschmitt planes.—United Press.

British Flier Evades Gendarmes

Charleroi, Apr. 2.

A British plane landed in a field at Thuillies, near here, yesterday. Keeping his engines running, the pilot asked peasants where he was. Learning he was in Belgium, he took off again before gendarmes arrived.—Reuter.

French Information Minister in London

London, Apr. 2.

The French Minister of Information, M. Ludovic Frossard, arrived in London to confer with Sir John Reith. M. Frossard will be present at a showing of films in French dealing with work of the Royal Air Force balloon barrage. In connection with the barrage, it is officially revealed that after the first raid on the Firth of Forth it was decided to expand the system to guard hundreds of square miles of harbours, forts and estuaries of Britain.—Reuter.

13 Candidates Nominated for Council Seats

Mr. Ranald G. McDonald Standing for Election

Elements of further competition in the forthcoming Shanghai Municipal Council election were introduced yesterday when the nomination list of candidates, which closed at the Administration Building at noon, included the name of Mr. Ranald G. McDonald. On Monday, with the addition of five Japanese candidates, the number nominated for the nine vacant foreign seats on the Council was 12, but Mr. McDonald's candidature increases this to 13.

The nomination list issued by Mr. G. Godfrey Phillips, Secretary and Commissioner-General, yesterday was as follows:

N. F. Allman: Proposed by G. F. Richardson and seconded by J. M. Hykes.

J. W. Carney: Proposed by J. Fistere and seconded by J. T. S. Reed.

M. Den: Proposed by Y. Hayashi and seconded by C. Fukuda.

G. A. Hayley: Proposed by R. Calder Marshall and seconded by J. H. Liddell.

Y. Hanawa: Proposed by Y. Hayashi and seconded by C. Fukuda.

W. J. Keswick: Proposed by A. S. Henchman and seconded by F. A. Pollock.

K. Kuroda: Proposed by Y. Hayashi and seconded by C. Fukuda.

Roderick G. MacDonald: Proposed by A. S. Henchman and seconded by G. H. Wright.

Ranald G. McDonald: Proposed by W. M. Macoustra and seconded by G. T. Lloyd.

G. E. Mitchell: Proposed by R. Calder Marshall and seconded by L. J. Davies.

Issaku Okamoto: Proposed by Y. Hayashi and seconded by C. Fukuda.

Otoichi Okamoto: Proposed by Y. Hayashi and seconded by C. Fukuda.

T. S. Powell: Proposed by J. H. Liddell and seconded by T. G. Drakeford.

The election will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, April 10 and 11, between the hours of 10 a.m., and 3 p.m.

Land Commissioner Chosen

On the proposal of Mr. A. W. Buck, seconded by Mr. W. Mellor, Mr. R. D. K. Silby is elected Land Commissioner for the municipal year 1940 in accordance with Article V1A of the Land Regulations.

Meanwhile the British and American election committees are taking steps to counteract the situation caused by the nomination of five Japanese candidates. The American committee met yesterday to discuss the matter but no plans were released for publication.

A meeting of the British Election Committee was held yesterday evening when the electoral situation, created by the announcement of five Japanese candidates and the nomination of Mr. Ranald G. McDonald, was discussed. It is understood that it was decided to make no changes in the existing plans and to support the 5-5-2 basis of representation on the Council and the straw vote candidates.

Passes Being Sent Out

Notice is hereby given that voting passes are being forwarded by post to ratepayers entitled to vote at the election.

Voters who have not received their voting pass by the first post on Thursday morning, April 4, should apply immediately to the Deputy Treasurer-Revenue, No. 209 Kiangse Road (Telephone 12810—Ext. 27) for a duplicate pass. Application may also be made in person at Hongkew Police Station.

The poll will be opened on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, April 10 and 11 at 10 a.m. precisely, and will remain open continuously until 3 p.m. each day.

Polling will take place at the S.V.C. Drill Hall, Foochow Road, and at the Hongkew Market, 2nd Floor.

Attention is drawn to the rule that voters must present their pass at the polling place in exchange for a voting paper.

The officials can not be responsible for any inconvenience to voters arising from the voters' failure to obtain the requisite voting pass prior to the date of the election.

Chinese Press Concerned

A review of Chinese press reports published yesterday reveal that although no editorial comments have been published, prominence is given to the news about the nomination of five instead of two Japanese candidates for the election of members of the Shanghai Municipal Council, expressing alarm in news articles and headlines and asserting that the "outlook of the Settlement is a matter of great concern," since the Japanese are trying to become the controlling factor in the Settlement administration.

The headline of the news published by the "Shun Pao" reads "Japanese Violate Gentlemen's Agreement," and "Number of Candidates Increased Without Authority." It is alleged that the Japanese want to cancel the

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British, French Bonds of Friendship

Anglo-French friendship was never more solidly demonstrated than on Monday night when French sergeants and naval petty officers were hosts to their opposites in the British Forces in Shanghai at a dinner given in the Sergeants' Mess at French Headquarters. Seen above French soldiers are pinning replicas of crossed British and French flags on their guests' tunics. Below Lance-Sergeant W. G. Perkins is seen thanking the French soldiers for their display of friendship.

Norwegian Stand in Blockade As Neutral Reiterated

Swedish Ore Exports to Reich Through Narvik Greatly Curtailed; Impartiality Emphasized

Oslo, Apr. 2.

THE Norwegian Foreign Minister, M. Halvdan Koht, gave Reuter a detailed exposition of Norway's attitude on neutrality in an interview last night. Referring to the speech on Saturday by Mr. Winston Churchill, Britain's First Lord of the Admiralty, M. Koht said "I was very glad to see that Mr. Churchill did not say anything that might be regarded as a menace to our neutrality, or as an admonition to Norway to give up her neutrality."

Concerning the danger of Norway being involved in blockade warfare, M. Koht said: "There will always be danger to the peace of Norway while war is proceeding between her nearest overseas neighbours, but there is no necessity that for this reason Norway should be involved. Indeed, I believe it to be to the advantage of all parties that she should keep out."

Commenting that there seemed to be the opinion in Britain that Norway was not protesting with the same vigour against German violations of Norway's neutrality as against British violations, M. Koht said: "We are protesting in appropriate ways against the very different kinds of violation to which we are exposed."

Nazi Ravages Resented

"The damage done to Norway by Germany, as regards the loss of men and material, is very deeply resented. We will do all possible to get them stopped. What Britain has done against our neutrality is of a different character, and in many cases does not touch our material interest so much as our honour and independence. Small nations too have points of honour they will have to defend."

M. Koht further declared that Norway had not been forced to supply raw materials to any countries. Regarding Norwegian exports to Germany, the Norwegian Foreign Minister said the fundamental point of the Anglo-Norwegian trade treaty was that Norway should maintain normal exports to all countries, including Germany.

Norway was not supplying Germany with any raw materials except those agreed to by the British Government, he added.—Reuter.

Norway's Strict Impartiality

London, Apr. 1.

Norway's permission for Swedish iron ore to pass in transit through the northern port of Narvik benefits Britain as well as Germany, Norwegian quarters here declared today in defence of their country's "strictly impartial and neutral attitude." In fact, they stated, more Swedish ore goes to Britain than to Germany.

Nine-tenths of all Swedish iron ore exports could if necessary be sent to Germany directly from the Swedish port of Lulea, on the shores of the Baltic, the same circles declared.

From diplomatic quarters here, it was learned today that the Allies have, for the time being, adjourned the question of tightening the blockade against German trade in Scandinavia.—Havas.

Drop in Exports to Reich

London, Apr. 2.

A statement from authoritative Norwegian sources says the export of Swedish iron ore to Germany via Narvik, since the outbreak of war, has been only a fraction of the peace-time traffic. The closing of Narvik for the transport of iron ore, the statement adds, does not necessarily entail an essential decrease in the total export of iron ore to Germany, as it is estimated that probably more than nine-tenths of the total iron ore exports from Sweden to Germany could be shipped from Lulea and other Swedish ports.—Reuter.

Private Eckford Reprieved

H.M. Ambassador Commutes Death Sentence to One Of Life Imprisonment

Private David Eckford of the 1st Battalion, The Seaforth Highlanders, who was sentenced to death by Judge Sir Allan Mossop in H.M. Supreme Court on January 11 for the murder of Lance-Corporal James Davis of the same battalion, has been reprieved by Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, H.M. Ambassador to China, at present in Chungking. The death sentence will now be commuted to one of imprisonment for life.

At his trial, which lasted three days, the jury brought in a verdict of guilty after deliberating for nearly three hours and a recommendation to mercy was added. This recommendation, the Judge intimated, would be forwarded to the proper authority, H.M. Ambassador to China.

Shortly after an appeal by Private Eckford in H.M. Full Court had failed, a petition was organized by a few local Britons asking for clemency. Over 1,100 signatures were appended when this document was lodged in the British Embassy Offices on March 23. It was despatched to Chungking by air mail the same day.

Investigation of Aliens Residing in Britain

Regional Committees to Give Special Consideration

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 2.

The Home Secretary, Sir John Anderson, has appointed twelve regional advisory committees to consider the cases of certain classes of aliens living in Britain, according to an announcement made tonight.

The committees will give special consideration to aliens living in protected areas, and will decide whether they should be allowed to remain there.—Reuter.

Palestine Arabs Hail Syrian Accord

Jerusalem, Apr. 2.

The signature of the Turko-Syrian agreement was welcomed with considerable satisfaction here. The Arab press assures the democratic powers of the co-operation of Near Eastern states.—Havas.

London Denies Exaggerated Reports on Methods for Tightening Blockade

Policing of Neutral Waters or Control Base in Norway Refuted; Plans Still Being Reviewed

London, Apr. 2.

Reports have appeared in various newspapers abroad during the past few days that the Allies are about to amplify the blockade of Germany. Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns that in so far as these reports suggest that Britain might enter or police neutral territorial waters, or undertake any extreme or illegal action of such kind, the reports can be flatly denied.—Reuter.

Blockade Plans Still Studied

London, Apr. 2.

Measures for carrying out the decisions of last week's meeting of the Supreme War Council are still receiving the close attention of competent authorities and, in particular, early steps for joint action in tightening up the blockade are understood to be under consideration.

In certain quarters extravagant reports have been current.

One stated that Allied naval force would be employed to police neutral waters. Another report declared that to prevent the use of territorial waters by merchantmen engaged in carrying to Germany Swedish iron ore vital to her war effort, a naval base would actually be established on the Norwegian coast.

As already announced, these reports are entirely erroneous. Each of them was today the subject of categorical denial in official circles.

The whole field of economic warfare is being thoroughly surveyed with a view to stopping gaps in the blockade of Germany.

Measures taken in regard to one of these gaps was revealed in last week's announcements of the seizure of ships in the Pacific, en route for Vladivostok, with valuable cargoes of minerals destined eventually for Germany.

Balkan countries also still represent a source of enemy supplies and it may be assumed that when consultations with British ministers in these countries takes place in London in the near future, this question, as well as political issues, will be fully examined.—British Official Wireless.

One British Tanker Lost Last Week

Another German Vessel Scuttles Itself; U-Boat Menace Greatly Subdued

London, Apr. 2.

It is officially announced that during the week ending at midnight Sunday one British tanker and three neutral ships were lost as a result of enemy action. They represented a total of 13,101 tons, which is the lowest losses since the first week of the year and the fourth lowest since the commencement of hostilities.

What was thought to be a record last week, when it was announced that two British ships had been lost, was marred by the announcement that the Barnhill (5,439 tons), which was bombed and set afire, must now be considered a total loss.

Losses last week represent only one-third of average weekly losses in thirty weeks since the war began and only one-tenth of average weekly losses in 30 weeks during the first seven months of 1917, when the U-boat campaign was at its height.

The British ship sunk was the tanker Daghestan (5,742 tons). Her loss was due to an explosion off the north-eastern coast of Scotland. Her master was killed and three are missing, but the remainder of the crew was saved.

Four Neutral Ships Lost

One of the four neutral ships was the Protinus, a Dutch vessel of 2,962 tons, which is included in the four neutral vessels lost up to midnight last Sunday, actually was sunk in the previous week but too late to be included in those returns.

It is officially announced that another German vessel the Mimi Horn (4,000 tons), was intercepted by British warships in northern waters last week. She was scuttled and set on fire by her crew, all of whom were saved. This is the 28th German ship scuttled and it brings the total German losses from capture, scuttling and sinking to 303,946 tons.

U-Boats under Control

In official circles there is growing evidence that U-boats are being sunk at such a rate that Germany is finding it difficult to build new ones quick enough to replace them. Small losses of ships in convoy are clear proof that what few U-boats are still hovering round shipping lanes do not like the experience of making attempts to attack ships in convoy.

Details of an attack by a German submarine which ventured near a convoy in the Atlantic were made known today. The submarine had attacked a neutral steamship. Destroyers raced to the scene and sighted the submarine on the surface. A flying boat which had been taking part in the search dropped bombs near the enemy craft. Depth charges damaged the submarine. It was forced to come to the surface and surrender. The submarine later sank. Every survivor except the captain was rescued from the submarine. The captain either chose to go down with his ship or was too late in making his escape.—Reuter.

British Tanker Sinks German Submarine

U-Boat Disappears After Encounter in Atlantic

Halifax (Nova Scotia), Apr. 2.

The British tanker El Ciervo which wirelessed yesterday that she was being pursued by a German submarine at a point 900 miles east of the Virgin Islands, now claims to have sunk the U-boat.

The submarine is stated to have risen to the surface at about 40 yards from the tanker. Sixteen shots were fired at the U-boat which disappeared.—Havas.

Britain Watching Chinese Reaction to New Regime

No Change in Far East Policy Envisaged; American Press Denounces "Great Illusion"

London, Apr. 1.

THE British Government has repeatedly proclaimed that the only Chinese Government it recognizes is that which is now established at Chungking. It therefore does not feel called upon to reiterate its stand now, after the formation of the Wang Ching-wei Government at Nanking, authoritative quarters declared today.

Britain's attitude is unchanged, they stated, she will naturally observe with the greatest care the development of the China situation and Wang Ching-wei's progress in extending his rule over the areas now under Japanese control.

Constant watch will also be kept on the Chinese population's attitude toward the new regime, and the British Government will duly note whether Mr. Wang's actions are dependent upon the Japanese Government or the Japanese military in China.

British interests may compel the British authorities to establish most reserved but correct relations with the local Chinese authorities in the occupied regions, the same authoritative circles declared.—Havas.

No Change in Policy

London, Apr. 2.

Britain will maintain a cool attitude toward the new Nanking Government in China under the leadership of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, official circles declared last night.

It was emphasized that Britain would recognize only one government in China, namely the National Government at Chungking. The same circles expressed surprise at reports from Washington that the speech which the British Ambassador to Japan, Sir Robert Craigie, delivered in Tokyo last Thursday was interpreted as a change in the British policy in the Far East.—United Press.

No Recognition by Paris

Paris, Apr. 2.

The Premier, M. Paul Reynaud, yesterday received the Chinese Ambassador to Paris, Dr. Wellington Koo, and, it was understood, discussed France's Far East policy.

M. Reynaud decided to follow Washington's policy of non-recognition of the new Government of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, leader of the Nanking Kuomintang, it was understood. It was believed that the Premier had given the American Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, assurances that France would not recognize the Nanking government upon its establishment, during the latter's visit to Paris last month.

The possibility of French recognition of the new government was further removed after the announcement at Tokyo that Japanese armies would remain in China as long as Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek continued to resist, thus making the early evacuation of Hainan Island improbable.—United Press.

"The Great Illusion"

New York, Apr. 2.

The New York "Herald Tribune" yesterday called the establishment of the new Nanking government under Mr. Wang Ching-wei "a pretty feeble bit of Oriental make believe."

In an editorial entitled, "The Great Illusion in Nanking," the "Herald Tribune" said the government "means nothing but one more Japanese treaty violation. The performance in Nanking can safely be labelled a pretty feeble bit of Oriental make believe," the newspaper declared.

The "Daily News" warned that "the United States is high on the Japanese military caste's list of Powers to be humbled in the great task of imposing Japanese culture on the world. We can put a terrible, and probably fatal crimp on these schemes by clamping on an embargo," the newspaper declared.—United Press.

Press Ban in Rome

Tokyo, Apr. 2.

A message from Rome reports that a press ban has been imposed on the recent statement by Mr. Cordell Hull, American Secretary of State, with the result that not a single Italian paper has published his declaration reiterating the principle of non-recognition with regard to the new Central Government under Mr. Wang Ching-wei.

According to a report from Lima, the Peruvian Government has so far made no formal manifestation of its attitude towards the new régime at Nanking. "Prenza," an influential newspaper at Lima, however, observed on March 31 that the statement by General Chiang Kai-shek, repudiating the new régime, was a fine one, but that it would possibly remain as a souvenir and have no practical effect on the Central Government.

"The Chungking Government will eventually find it impossible to oppose the strength of Japan, who supports the new Government of China," the newspaper added.—Reuter.

Polish Objects of Art Seized by Soviets

Paris, Apr. 2.

The Polish Government has issued a protest against the general confiscation by the Soviet authorities in Poland of objects of artistic or historic value belonging to the Polish state or Polish individuals. The protest has been transmitted to the Quai d'Orsay. The Polish News Agency states that the Polish Government reserves the right to demand at an opportune moment complete reparation for damage done.—Reuter.

Contrast Seen in Powers' Policies

Japanese Press Discern Division Between Britain, U.S. Over Nanking Regime

Tokyo, Apr. 2.

A strong contrast in the British and American attitudes towards the reorganized "National Government of China" inaugurated in Nanking last Saturday was discerned by the "Asahi" chain of newspapers today in an editorial commenting on the statement issued by the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, on the day of the new administration's advent.

London, the newspapers noted, had kept silent, refraining from making an official observation on the establishment of the new government.

The American attitude, manifested in Mr. Hull's statement, they added, did not convey a fresh impression to Japan as this had long been expected.

Sudden Change Not Expected

The "Asahi" newspapers said they did not expect a sudden reversal of the British policy towards Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, but remarked that the delicate nuance of the British attitude towards the Nanking administration could be discerned in the address of Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador to Japan, on March 29, the radio broadcast of Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty on March 30; and the editorial of "The Times" on the same day.

A new tendency in France could also be seen in the editorial published on Sunday by "Le Temps" stressing the future importance of the new central regime in China and drawing attention to the welcome extended by Japan to participation by third Powers in the economic development of East Asia, "Asahi" papers said.

While the attitude of the Powers supporting Gen. Chiang Kai-shek had shown little change, the newspapers continued, it was regarded as doubtful "how long they will be able to persist in this unnatural attitude" continuing to recognize a regime "that barely ekes out an existence" in the south-western corner of China without acknowledging the central administration in Nanking which controls the vital portions of the country.

"Humouring" the U.S.

The course Britain and France could take in China was clear, but both nations were endeavouring hard to humour the United States, the "Yomiuri Shimbun" declared.

Time, it added, would "settle everything regardless of the American attude", pointing to the cases of Manchoukuo, Spain, and Ethiopia in which the United States have persisted in not recognizing the altered situation.

The "Nichi-Nichi" chain of newspapers also referred to the case of Manchoukuo which was developing soundly in spite of not being recognized by the United States. A "more bitter experience", these newspapers predicted, would be in store for the United States in the case of Nanking.

The "Nichi-Nichi" chain also criticized Mr. Hull's statement for its alleged contravention of the assurances given the Japanese Government by Washington through the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Joseph C. Grew, that the United States Government was ready to enter into conversations with Japan in a constructive spirit.—Domei.

Flying-boat Services To South Africa

Regular Flight to Lisbon Also Expected Soon

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 2.

Flying-boat services to South Africa would resume pre-war frequency this week, said Sir Kingsley Wood, Secretary of State for Air, in reply to a deputation from the Civil Aviation Section of the London Chamber of Commerce, yesterday. He added that he hoped regular services to Lisbon would start in May, as the political difficulties involved were on the point of being overcome.

The Air Ministry, he said, had at heart the establishment of trans-Atlantic services, and were fully alive to the desirability of a service to South America.

The Ministry felt, however, that the North Atlantic service must have priority.—Reuter.

Foreign Missions Leave Nazi Area of Poland

London, Apr. 2.

All foreign missions in German-occupied Poland have now been removed, according to the German radio. With the exception of those prevented by illness, and foreign diplomatic representatives had left the territory by March 27, it was added.—Reuter.

Britons in India to Do National Service

London, Apr. 1.

The Central Assembly at New Delhi today approved the establishment of National Service for Britons residing in India, it was announced tonight.—Havas.

Japan Holds Key To Future British And American Eastern Policy

Publicist Claims All Depends on Tokyo's Stand In Regard to Soviet Russia; Firmness Urged

Tokyo, Apr. 2.

Future British and American action in the Far East depends on Japan's policy and therefore the policy of "currying favour with Britain and the United States" is not justified, Mr. Yoshitaro Shimizu, Japanese international expert, declared yesterday.

Mr. Shimizu, in an article in the "Hochi Shimbun," asserted that the course of the Soviet Union will be the deciding factor in directing British and American policy. He said he believed that the two democracies would move to block any Soviet move in the Far East. Japan, however, can direct the action of the Soviet Union and thus lead the democracies away from the Far East, he declared.

Mr. Shimizu said that Japan's present policy is leading the activities of Britain, the United States and the Soviet directly to China in opposition to Japan and "if things keep on this way Japan will have to fight all three of them."

"If the Soviet Union were made to look toward the west," Mr. Shimizu said, "the United States and Britain would look in the same direction. If the Soviet Union should move toward the east, those two Powers would follow in the same direction. It may therefore be seen clearly that Japan holds the key with which to lead these Powers in whichever direction it prefers. Hence it is essential that we disapprove of Foreign Minister Arita's foreign policy."—United Press.

Japanese Sent to Hainan Island

Troops From Kwangsi to Reinforce Garrison; Clean-Up Operations Expected

Chungking, Apr. 2.

Reports that Japanese forces are making a determined attempt to clear up Chinese forces holding out in mountains in the interior of Hainan Island are confirmed by military dispatches from Hainan.

The motive for Japanese operations on the island is causing much speculation here. At a time when Japanese troops are badly needed for operations on the mainland there must be an important reason, it is believed, for the Japanese withdrawing a large force—estimated at 30,000 men—from southern Kwangsi for Hainan operations.

At present only a small Chinese public safety corps is holding out in the mountains. Therefore it is believed the Japanese are determined to clear up Chinese troops on the island so that they can proceed with their plans to establish a permanent air and naval base there to be used as a jumping-off point for expansion into the southern Pacific.

It is believed also that the Japanese are using such a large force because they are anxious to take advantage of the European war to hasten their programme on Hainan before Britain and France are in a position to interfere effectively with their plans.—Reuter.

Withdrawal in Suiyuan

Chungking, Apr. 2.

After heavy fighting in the vicinity of Wuyuan, Japanese forces, which launched a counter-attack following occupation of the town by the Chinese on March 22, are withdrawing to the east, according to Chinese field dispatches from the west Suiyuan front received here today.

In the Nanning area, in south Kwangsi, Japanese troops are said to be attacking Shansze, west of the highway north-west of Yamchow.—Reuter.

Sterling Reserves Conserved

New York Free Market Rate Fall Said to Be Result of Set Policy

London, Apr. 2.

Commenting on the recent drop in the "free" rate for sterling in New York, the City Editor of the "Sunday Times" refutes suggestions made abroad that the decline reflects on the prestige of the pound.

On the contrary, he declares, the decline is "evidence of the increasing success with which we are conserving our foreign exchange resources."

The explanation of this apparent paradox is "simple," according to the City Editor of the "Sunday Times." He outlines the explanation as follows:

"First, the free market has always been very narrow and so is liable to wide fluctuations.

"Next, steps have been taken recently to prevent certain exports from the Empire from being paid in sterling bought in the free market. These exports must now be paid for either in approved foreign currencies or in sterling acquired in the London official market.

"The object of this is to ensure that the proceeds of our exports are used to pay for essential imports instead of being dissipated through the free market, which is largely used to cover withdrawals of foreign funds from London. This helps to conserve our foreign exchange resources: it equally reduces the demand for sterling in the free market.

"The relapse in 'free' sterling is the automatic consequence. It is evidence of the increasing success with which we are conserving our foreign exchange resources, diverting them to the official market."—Reuter.

Mr. Fraser Made Premier Of New Zealand

Provisional Ministry to Be Formed for Present

Wellington, Apr. 2.

Mr. Peter Fraser has been appointed Prime Minister of New Zealand, following the death of Mr. Michael Savage. Other Ministers are retaining their offices.

In a statement issued last night, Mr. Fraser said he had been appointed Prime Minister until the Labour Party could be consulted concerning more permanent proposals.

A statement issued by Government House says Mr. Fraser agreed to form a provisional ministry forthwith, adding that recommendations with regard to the new ministry would be submitted at the end of the week.—Reuter.

Earthquake Recorded

New York, Apr. 2.

The Fordham University seismograph recorded what was described as a fairly severe earthquake early today. Seismologists said the quake apparently centred 8,000 miles away, in the generaal direction of the Philippines.—United Press.

Pearl River May Be Opened on June 1

Hongkong, Apr. 2.

It is reliably learned that the Japanese authorities in Canton have promised to reopen the Pearl River to navigation on June 1. Thirteen ships will be allowed on the river a week. Of these eight will be British, two Japanese, two Portuguese, and one of another nationality. They will ply between Canton and Hongkong.

However, the reopening of the river will probably be conditioned by the establishment of customs stations under the Nanking régime in Hongkong and Macao. The rumour prevails here that the Japanese intend to occupy permanently the fertile Chungshan district between Macao and Canton. The railroad between Chungshan and Canton, being constructed by the Japanese at present, will be completed shortly.—Havas.

Blockade of Macao Hits Hongkong

Food Supplies Cut Off By Japanese Action; Fear Of Critical Situation

Hongkong, Apr. 2.

The Japanese food blockade inaugurated against Macao this week hit Hongkong's food supply here today.

Shippers report that only one-tenth of the usual food supplies from Macao are reaching Hongkong. Vegetable and fish prices were rising rapidly here today because Macao is one of the main sources of food for Hongkong.

The Japanese food blockade was inaugurated against Macao this week following the Japanese occupation of Chungshan.

"Two days ago," the Macao correspondent of the "South China Morning Post" reported today, "no goods of any kind were allowed to pass the Japanese blockade to Macao except for a small quantity of vegetables which the Japanese specially permitted to pass for certain individuals in Macao.

Crisis Looms

"The position in Macao will be critical unless the Japanese blockade is lifted very soon.... The remarkable thing is the total lack of comment by the Macao authorities and the general public."

First reports of the Japanese blockade leaked out of Macao last week following the disclosure that a list of Japanese demands had been presented to the Portuguese authorities. The Japanese demanded that Portuguese troops evacuate Lappa Island and Macao authorities were forced to permit a search of Macao by Japanese forces seeking anti-Japanese elements alleged to have sought refuge in Macao following the Japanese occupation of Chungshan.—United Press.

Filipinoes Warned of Critical Time Ahead

Democracy of Dictatorship Will be Choice to Be Made

Manila, Apr. 2.

Mr. Francis B. Sayre, United States High Commissioner for the Philippines, today warned all Filipinos that they were facing the most critical period in their history and would soon be called on to determine "whether you will follow traditions of democracy or turn to other ways."

Speaking before 658 graduates of the University of the Philippines at the 30th commencement exercises here today, Mr. Sayre told the graduating class that "democracy versus dictatorship presents a crucial fundamental question which the new Philippines nation will be called on to determine."

"Are you going to establish a government of the people, by the people and for the people....or one in which the rights of humans will be sacrificed for the deification of the state or a group of power-seekers," he asked.

Pointing out that, should the Tydings-McDuffie Independence Act be carried out, the day of Philippine independence would already be within sight, Mr. Sayre warned that "independence will mean the beginning of the most crucial years for the Filipino race."

"The Communists have wiped out individual rights, even to the extent of liquidating large groups of individuals if necessary....the Nazis consider individual rights as obstacles blocking the State's march toward totalitarian power.

"Will you follow American traditions of democracy.....or will you turn to other ways?" he asked.—United Press.

M. Reynaud Not to Make Statement

Paris, Apr. 2.

Contrary to information appearing in the press this morning, the Premier, M. Paul Reynaud, will not make any statement when the Chamber of Deputies opens its meeting early this afternoon.—Havas.

Public Opinion in America Favours Allies More Strongly Than Ever

Two Per Cent. Favouring Germany Now Reduced To One According to Latest Poll

London, Apr. 2.

"American sentiment was overwhelmingly behind the Allies for the first seven months of the war; 84 per cent. of those questioned wished for an Allied victory. A small group, favouring Germany, had been reduced from two per cent. to one per cent.," it is revealed by results of the 31st Gallup Poll, published in the "New York Times," according to a special commentary issued here. The period of comparison was over six months.

One voter in every six said that he was less sympathetic to the Allies, and was beginning to feel that the Allies were nearly as much to blame as Germany; that the Allies were not doing all they could, or that they did not do enough for Finland.

Most frequently, such criticisms were from younger citizens between the ages of 21 and 30.

"But for every person who felt less sympathetic to the Allies, nearly two persons said that they felt more sympathetic."

Those favouring the Allies were as follows:

More sympathetic	28 per cent.
Less sympathetic	17 per cent.
No change in feeling	55 per cent.

—Reuter.

Kunlunkwan Pass Battle Described

Courage of Chinese Troops In Difficult Action Gets High Praise from Expert

Chungking, Apr. 2.

High tribute to Chinese soldiers was paid today by a foreign military expert, who witnessed the recapture by the Chinese of Kunlunkwan, a strategic pass north-east of Nanning, several months ago.

As Kunlunkwan is generally considered the gateway to Nanning, the Japanese had stationed a strong force to defend the pass, which is famous in Chinese history for being almost impregnable.

Chinese troops, the expert stated, vigorously assaulted the pass, in their attempt to recapture Nanning. Despite heavy losses, he declared, they finally took their objective.

The Chinese are said to have lost nine tanks in the attack, but three of them are claimed to have been recovered. The expert said he saw three tanks being towed back to the rear for repair.

He paid tribute to the fighting quality of Chinese soldiers, being particularly impressed by several small units, which are said to have fought brilliantly. He was of the opinion that Chinese military authorities should not only promote commanders or give cash rewards to soldiers, but should also distribute decorations for bravery, thereby giving encouragement to the lower ranks.

"Follow-up" Lacking

The expert claimed, however, that the Chinese attack at Kunlunkwan appeared to lack a "follow-up." This, he declared, was essential in any major military operations. The importance of the battle, he went on, would have been greater if the Chinese had been able to utilize the advantage gained.

Commenting on the Japanese drive at Pingyang, the foreign military expert stated it was in the nature of a raid. The Japanese, he explained, sent one brigade for a wide encircling movement, in an effort to save Kunlunkwan, where they were hard pressed. The move was, however, a little late for before the drive was under-way the Chinese had already captured the pass. The Japanese nevertheless continued to push towards Pingyang. Since the column was a raiding party, the Japanese made no attempt to maintain communications with the rear, thereby exposing themselves to a trap by the Chinese.

Owing to lack of proper coordination among Chinese units, the foreign expert concluded, a large portion of the Japanese brigade succeeded in returning to Nanning.—

Allies Determined to Stop Nazi Supplies

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tion of Europe, Anglo-French community of action will be maintained so long as they be necessary to effect and consolidate this reconstruction.

Gallant Work of Polish Allies

"I would like to say a word here of our Polish Allies to whom we already are bound not to make peace except by common agreement.

"The First Lord of the Admiralty (Mr. Winston Churchill) spoke eloquently the other evening of them and particularly the prowess of the units of the Polish Navy at present operating with the Royal Navy. Divisions of the Polish Army are performing in France. Polish airmen are being trained both in this country and France. We are confident that these forces will give a good account of themselves in the common struggle in which we are now engaged.

"Returning now to the meeting of the Supreme War Council, the picture which was presented to the Allies by the present situation was that Germany was putting her own interpretation on the obligations of neutrals and accompanying it by threats of dire consequences which might result for them from the failure to comply with German demands. This problem which Germany has raised of a double standard neutrality is one which we and the neutrals have to face.

Scruples for Neutral Rights

"The policy of the Allies has been determined by scrupulous regard for neutral rights whereas Germany has not hesitated to destroy neutral property and murder nationals of neutral states whenever it suited her policy to do so. She has not scrupled to threaten invasion of neutral countries in order to prevent them taking steps to assist their neighbours against aggression or protect their own interests.

"Our respect for neutral rights and our sympathy for practical difficulties of the neutrals must not blind us to the fact that any aid they may give Germany might be carried far enough to render them in the end liable to a hideous fate which has overtaken previous victims of German policy. If we are to bring this war to a close with the least possible destruction and dislocation of our common spiritual and material civilization we must deprive Germany of materials most essential for the prosecution of her aggressive policy. The Allies are therefore determined to prosecute the economic war to the utmost of their power. Already much has been accomplished.

War Trade Accords Signed

"Negotiations for war trade agreements have been successfully concluded with Norway, Sweden, Iceland, Belgium and Holland and an agreement with Denmark was signed this afternoon at the Foreign Office.

"Discussions are also proceeding in Paris for similar agreement between the Allies and Switzerland and commercial agreements of an important character have been reached with Spain, Greece and Turkey."

Mr. Chamberlain then revealed that negotiations with Yugoslavia and Rumania were expected to be concluded shortly.

"We are also looking forward to the visit to this country at the end of the week of M. Georges Bonnet, French Minister of Blockade," Mr. Chamberlain said.

"All war trade agreements contain stipulations regulating the exports of neutral countries of their own domestic produce to Germany. For example these stipulations provide for strict limitation of export to Germany of fats. Another weapon in our armoury is purchase. It is obviously out of question to purchase the entire exportable surpluses of Germany's neighbours but concentration on certain selected commodities, such as minerals, fats and oils, is ever increasing to the extent of reducing the supply of these commodities to Germany."

Mr. Chamberlain then proceeded to give details of this British move.

Full Use of Sea Power

"The most important of all weapons in our economic warfare is the employment of our sea power and the Allies are determined to continue to intensify the blockade in every possible way. His Majesty's ships have already taken certain practical steps to interfere with and impede the passage of German cargo ships from Scandinavia. These operations have been carried out in close proximity to German naval bases showing once again how empty the German boasts are that the control of the North Sea has passed to their hands. Other measures are under consideration.

"We have not yet reached the limit of our effective operations in this region, the scene of the sinking of so many neutral ships and the murder of so many neutral seamen."

Mr. Chamberlain then told of operations by the British Navy in waters through which Germany was attempting to obtain supplies.

"His Majesty's ships recently stopped in Far Eastern waters Soviet ships suspected of carrying contraband destined for Germany via Vladivostok," he said.—United Press.

13 Candidates Nominated For Council Seats

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gentlemen's agreement in regard to the ratio of candidates reached by representatives of the four Powers, China, Great Britain, the United States and Japan, many years ago. The Japanese announcement of the names of their candidates is published. More or less identical reports appear in other leading Chinese newspapers.

It is stated that foreigners are much surprised by the Japanese announcement, but it is asserted that it may be a strong feeler put out by the Japanese so that owing to their insistence, foreigners may give in a little. Quoting foreign sources and observers, the reports state that the British have many more interests here than the Japanese and that it has been forecast that Japanese candidates may not all be elected.

Although the reports state that British circles believe that the number of British ratepayers is at least equal to Japanese ratepayers, it is said that the latter may make use of Jewish refugees living north of the creek. It is also pointed out that qualifications of Japanese ratepayers may be questionable. It is not known whether or not all Japanese residing here have been paying taxes to the Shanghai Municipal Council, it is stated.

Japanese Nominee Issues Statement

"Dictatorial" Regime in Shanghai Opposed

Fundamental reforms in the administration of the International Settlement, now faced with "an unprecedented financial crisis," were seen as necessary by Mr. Makoto Den, one of the five Japanese candidates for membership in the Shanghai Municipal Council. Mr. Den is vice-president of the Central China Railways Company, a Sino-Japanese joint enterprise.

All residents of the Settlement, he said in a statement issued here last night, demanded a reform of "the confusion and the traditional abuses" brought about by the "autocratic control of the Settlement's administration by a specific nation for almost a century."

In announcing his candidacy for municipal councillor, Mr. Den pledged his efforts to break down the existing "abnormal dictatorial system in the Settlement so as to make the International Settlement one that really belongs to those residing there."

Fire Razes 178 Houses In Fukuyama

Fukushima. Apr. 2.

Fanned by a strong wind, fire destroyed 178 houses in one hour at Fukuyama, Fukushima prefecture, in northeastern Japan today. Among the buildings destroyed was the town post office.—Domei.

Flood and Fire in Pennsylvania

Petrol Explosions Cause Further Trouble; Towns Evacuated

Wilkes-Barre, Apr. 2.

Flood and fire swept the 200-mile Susquehanna River Basin yesterday, resulting in at least nine dead and five missing.

Four cities, with a total population of 150,000, prepared for a general evacuation, as morning found 20,000 persons already left homeless by breaking dikes and rising waters.

Four 100,000 gallon petrol storage tanks exploded on the outskirts of Kingston, across the river from Wilkes-Barre. Flames shot 200 feet into the air, and set several farm buildings afire. The blazing petrol was borne on the flood and a few buildings in its path were ignited. The flames, however, burned out before they reached Kingston.

Petrol escaping from a broken storage tank menaced a large section of the rich Wyoming Valley anthracite belt and smoking was forbidden at Wilkes-Barre and Kingston, to prevent possible new fires.

Business Suspended

All business was suspended and schools were closed. Churches were converted into relief centres, as all available men, including the Civilian Conservation Corps, W.P.A. workers, and state troopers were summoned to work on the dikes.

A food shortage was not expected but gas was shut off as a precaution.

National Guardsmen were ordered ready for duty. An estimated 1,000 troops could be mobilized in the flood zone within an hour. The Red Cross established emergency stations throughout the flood zone.

Meanwhile, the crest of the flood in Wilkes-Barre was reported to have reached 34 feet, or seven-tenths of a foot above the all-time high mark reached in 1936. Dikes were broken between the towns of Plymouth and Sunbury, where all residents were warned to be prepared to evacuate on a moment's notice. About one-half the residents of Kingston and Plymouth had already been evacuated from their homes last night.

A dike above Kingston broke for a 75-foot stretch. Thirty-five hundred persons were forced to flee from their homes before the rush of water. Three Greyhound buses, carrying an undetermined number of passengers, were reported marooned in the flood waters near Sayre. The State Police attempting to reach the buses, found most of the main highways blocked.

Scores of large coal mines in the Wilkes-Barre area were flooded and work was halted in the majority of industrial plants in the area.

The spring thaw caused the flood. Similar thaws in the upper Ohio and New York State valleys threatened to flood the rivers in those areas.—United Press.

S. African Assembly Passes War Bill

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Capetown, Apr. 2.

The House of Assembly yesterday gave the War Measures Bill its third reading, by 75 votes to 55. In earlier stages, this Bill gave rise to a keen debate on the Union's attitude to the European War.—Reuter.

THE CINEMA

"Let Freedom Ring"

Steve Logan	Nelson Eddy
Maggie Adams	Virginia Bruce
Chris Mulligan	Victor McLaglen
Tom Logan	Lionel Barrymore
Jim Knox	Edward Arnold
David Bronson	Guy Kibee
"The Mackerel"	G. Butterworth
Rutledge	H. B. Warner
Underwood	Raymond Walburn
"Ma" Logan	Sarah Padden

Despite the fact that Mr. Nelson Eddy, baritone hearthrob, is featured without his erstwhile leading lady, Miss Jeanette McDonald, he manages, and very ably, too, to enthral his audience with his singing right from the beginning of the picture. Mr. Eddy's singing compensates for the very weak plot of the picture, the scenes of which are a bit too abrupt and disconnected. The setting of the film is in the wild West, inhabitants of which will not tolerate any change whatsoever in their slow hum-drum life. A person in the guise of Jim Knox appears to start a railway in the wild country but, starting about it the wrong way by burning houses of the protesting peasants, he is hated by one and all, and is promised that revenge will be sweet when Steve Logan, a local boy, who went to college in the big city, comes back. A complicated plot follows, when Steve Logan plays a double game, siding with Jim Knox, while really protecting the country folk. He is out to win the votes of the railroad men for the coming elections, and to do this, he kidnaps the town's publisher in order to print articles castigating Knox and his tactics. Signing himself "The Wasp," Logan becomes a hunted semi-criminal, still playing his double role, but sees his chances fading. Desperately he tries to win the railroad men over to his side by publishing his own articles; he even has a fist battle with Chris Mulligan, an Irish foreman of Knox's men, and manages to knock him down. The fight is the deciding point, and Mulligan sees that Steve is right and that Jim Knox is nothing but a slick "financier," as he prides himself to be. Steve's father has been shot by Knox's men, and as the old man is dying, his son, with a song on his lips and his bride in his arms, manages to sway the railroad men to his side. Although the film ends in the appropriate way, it is felt throughout that there is a lack of vim and vigour in the plot, which seemed extremely weak and disconnected. It seems a pity, though, that Mr. Nelson Eddy's fine acting ability should have been spoiled by such a weak story. A short preceded the picture, and there was a wonderful exhibition of diving in the News of The Day.—E.H.

Irish Terrorists in Ulster Hold-Up

London, Apr. 2.

Holding those present at bay with a revolver, three Irish terrorists penetrated into a public house at Dungannon, Tyrone County in Northern Ireland, yesterday while the final match was being played off in a billiard championship. They emptied cans of petrol on the floor and then set fire to the room. The fire was put out, and the building occupied by the military authorities. The terrorists made good their escape. Three suspects were later arrested by the police.—Havas.

Merger of China Regimes Hoped

Japan Hopes Gen. Chiang Will "Repent"; Premier States Nation's Views

Tokyo, Apr. 2.

If Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek reconsiders his anti-Japanese policy and repents, it might be possible that the new Chinese Government at Nanking would co-operate with him in the reconstruction of China, Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, the Premier, told the press today.

Commenting on America's "censorious attitude" toward the Nanking Government, he said he hoped the new regime would gain strength rapidly and become a stable administration in order that such a situation would be established in China as to make it impossible for foreign countries to do anything in China without recognizing it.

The Premier pointed out that third Powers should not fear that their interests would be ousted from China as Japan was determined to keep her promise even if it was an oral one.

Yangtze to be Opened

He said that third Powers may rest assured that the Yangtze would be opened unless unforeseen circumstances intervene.

Much is to be expected of the new Nanking régime which is in position to increase its armed force by drawing on the large Customs revenues which it will control, Admiral Yonai pointed out.

He said the new régime would launch operations against Chungking to accelerate Chungking's disintegration, while at the same time making every effort to organize military strength.

He charged that Chungking had been shaken by the organization of the Nanking régime and that Chungking's fighting power had dwindled.—United Press.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

IN H.M. Police Court, before Mr. C. H. Haines, H.M. Registrar, yesterday, John Dalton, 155 Columbia Circle, was fined 2s. for a traffic offence. He pleaded not guilty to parking during prohibited hours.

A MEETING of the Ministering Children's League is to be held at the home of the President, Mrs. G. E. Marden, 603 Grosvenor House, at 9.45 a.m. on Saturday. All members of the committee and stall holders are earnestly requested to be present.

THE committee of the "Limbless Fund" are urgently in need of goods for a rummage sale to be held at the Union Church Hall on April 11. Clothing or articles of any description will be welcomed and may be left at the Hall, marked "Limbless."

THE New York University Alumni Club of Shanghai are holding a reunion dinner today at the Rose Marie Restaurant, 226 Bubbling Well Road, at 7.30 p.m. After a brief business meeting, there will be an entertainment programme arranged by Mr. Percy Chu, president of the club.

THE British Women's Association war work knitting section wish to advise that in future the work room will not be open on Wednesday afternoons. In order to accommodate office girls who cannot send or call for their wool in the morning, the room will remain open until 12.30 p.m. every Wednesday.

An official war artist has been appointed to the B.E.F. He is Mr. R. G. Eves, R. A. In an interview he said he thought he would spend most of his time in France and that his main work would be portraiture. Mr. Eves is 63 and he thought it would be something of an adventure at his age but he was looking forward to it tremendously.

UNDER the distinguished patronage of H.E. Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, H.M. Ambassador to China, and Lady Clark Kerr, and H.E. M. Cosme, French Ambassador to China, and Mme Cosme, Mme Lisa Elzear-Jouravel well known European operatic mezzo-soprano, will, with the assistance of Maestro Paci and the S.M.C. Orchestra give a concert at the Lyceum Theatre on May 1 in aid of the British and French Red Cross Funds. The programme will be announced later.

IT has now been learned that Mr. Brian Hervey Talbot, of Apsley House, Rhyl, the 24-year-old great nephew and heir of the late Lord Wavertree, has just married Miss Katherine Hughes of Jubilee Street, Llandudno. She had been an usherette in a Llandudno cinema for the last ten years. Her people have lived in the district for about a century, her mother and grandmother being in charge of donkeys on the beach. Mr. Talbot is shortly expecting to join the Army as a private.

Britain is now making ten times as many shells per week as she was in the first six months of the last war. This information was given by Earl Stanhope, Lord President of the Council in the House of Lords. He also said that it was hoped that by the end of this year production would be exceeding the peak reached in the last war. It was expected they would produce 14,000,000 tons of steel this year, compared with 8,000,000 tons in 1914, and 100,000 motor vehicles as against the 40,000 produced in the whole of the last war.

WHEN "Cartmel Priory, Lancashire," was shown at the United Artists' Exhibition at the Royal Academy in aid of the Red Cross it was marked to be sold for £150. A woman who bought it, however, insisted on paying £250 for it. She said artists were suffering very much through the war and she did not want the painter to be the loser. She asked that half the money should go to charity and half to the artist. The painting had been given by Mr. Rex Vicat Cole of Upwaltham, Sussex, but he did not live to benefit by her generosity, as he died from shock after his car plunged into a pond.

THERE is a sufficient supply of fuel available in Britain to run ten thousand buses and lorries on "producer-gas" according to a report just published by a committee set up in 1937 to investigate this matter. It is also stated that producer gas is quite satisfactory for road transport. In any period of vital emergency, larger quantities of fuel could probably be diverted for use with producers should the national interest demand it. The design of the gas-producing equipment has given such satisfactory results in different types of service that the committee recommend that the design be considered for manufacture. The equipment was designed for vehicles up to six tons laden weight. A trailer unit carrying the producer and its coolers and filters has been designed by the committee.

THE programme for the twenty-fifth Sunday symphony concert to be given in the Lyceum Theatre on Sunday, April 7, at 5.15 p.m. is as follows:—

Brandenburger Congerto No. 3 ....Bach for 3 Violins, 3 Violas, 3 'Cellos, D. Bass and Cembalo.
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Allegro
Variations on a Theme by Haydn Brahms (Choral St. Antoni)
Symphony No. 1 Op. 21 in C major Beethoven
Adagio molto-Allegro con brio
Andante cantabile con moto
Menuet
Adagio-Allegro molto vivace
Piano-Concerto on E minor with Orchestra ....Chopin
Allegro Maestoso
Romanza: Larghetto
Rondo: Vivace
Soloist: Lois Woo
Conductor Maestro Mario Paci

VERDICTS of "death from misadventure" were recorded at an inquest recently held at Portsmouth on Dennis Raymond Brand, a sick-berth attendant, and Samuel Sloan Crawford, an able seaman, both of whom died from carbon dioxide poisoning whilst undergoing operations at the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar, near Gosport. The two anaesthetists in the case both stated that a cylinder containing carbon dioxide had been placed in the anaesthetic machine in a position which should have been occupied by a cylinder of nitrous oxide, the normal anaesthetic. In civilian hospitals carbon dioxide cylinders are painted green and this procedure was adopted at the Royal Naval Hospital last June. The fatal cylinder had once been green but had since been painted over and there was nothing to show that its contents were poisonous.

S.M.C. Secretary Witness in Claim

Mr. G. Godfrey Phillips Testifies as to Protest Over Bus Franchise

Mr. H. G. Nelson, counsel for the Home Insurance Co. in a war risk insurance claim for U.S.$27,197.65 brought against the company by the Hwa Tung Electrical & General Engineering Works, produced a surprise witness during yesterday's hearing before Judge Milton J. Helmick in the United States Court for China when he called on Mr. G. Godfrey Phillips, Secretary and Commissioner-General of the Shanghai Municipal Council, to testify as to certain protests which the S.M.C. had forwarded to the Japanese authorities subsequent to the outbreak of hostilities in Shanghai on August 13, 1937.

Mr. Phillips told the court that prior to the hostilities the S.M.C. had administered the Settlement areas North of Soochow Creek. After hostilities commenced, Chinese police evacuated the areas but certain foreign members of the S.M.P. remained across the creek. Asked if the S.M.C. had attempted to establish normal policing duties North of the Creek subsequent to the outbreak of hostilities, Mr. Philips said that after the war, negotiations were started with the Japanese authorities, and ultimately an agreement was reached. This agreement was published in the last issue of the Municipal Gazette.

Bus Service

In answer to questions put to him by counsel, Mr. Phillips said that the China General Omnibus Co. service North of the Creek was suspended subsequent to the outbreak of hostilities, and that it will still suspended. He admitted that a concern which was not the China General Omnibus Co. had started a bus route in the Northern district. Asked if the S.M.C. had ever made any protests concerning the suspension of the C.G.O.C. service the witness replied that he was not prepared to answer that question unless it had been made public. Mr. Nelson referred the witness to a report of such a protest contained in the Report of the S.M.C. for 1938 and the Budget for 1939.

At this point Judge Helmick interrupted with, "Are you trying to establish that the Japanese usurped the rights of the S.M.C. in the Eastern and Northern districts?" Mr. Nelson replied in the affirmative and the Judge asked "Couldn't we save time?"

Thereupon Mr. C. S. Franklin, counsel for the plaintiff, said that he was willing to stipulate that the S.M.C. report for 1938 stated that the Council had protested to the Japanese over the infringement of the franchise of the C.G.O.C.

Judge: "Will you stipulate that what the report said is true?"

Mr. Franklin: "I don't recollect it but I don't doubt the truth of the statement."

Mr. Phillips then admitted that a protest had been made.

Traffic Regulations

Cross-examined by Mr. Franklin, the witness said that the traffic regulations North of the Creek had been promulgated by either the Japanese naval or military authorities. He said that the Japanese sentries had been placed on Garden Bridge without consulting the S.M.C. and the British sentries had also been placed there without the Council being consulted. Regarding greater police control North of the Creek Mr. Phillips said that all negotiations had been carried on with the Japanese Consul-General in Shanghai and that the S.M.C. does not deal with the Army and Navy direct.

Mr. Franklin: "Were restrictions on Council control North of the Creek placed by the Army and Navy based on military grounds?"

Mr. Phillips: "Restrictions placed by the Army and Navy were claimed on military grounds."

Re-examined by Mr. Nelson, Mr. Phillips said that the British sentries on Garden Bridge were on the South side of the bridge while the Japanese were on the North side. He said that it was not the function of the British sentries to keep people from passing across the bridge.

Mr. V. F. Meisling, who appeared in court under subpoena, said that he was a reporter employed by the "North-China Daily News," and that during the hostilities he had made visits to the war areas. He said that there was looting going on in the area North of the Creek very early during the hostilities. In September, in Yangtszepoo, Japanese soldiers looted furniture and later, in January, 1938, scrap iron.

The looting in January, continued the witness, was carried out by Chinese coolies working under Japanese supervisors. He said that he had observed dumps of iron North of the Creek, mostly between Hongkew Creek and Lay Road Creek, about a dozen altogether.

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Mr. C. E. Gauss Departing From Customs Jetty Today

New U.S. Minister to Australia Sailing Tomorrow Morning; Duty in Shanghai High Spot in Career

AFTER serving for over four years as American Consul-General in Shanghai during the most troublesome period in the history of the city, Mr. Clarence Edward Gauss, newly appointed U.S. Minister to Australia, will sail from Shanghai in the ss. President Taft at 1 a.m. tomorrow. Mr. Gauss will depart from the Customs Jetty at 4.45 p.m. today in the barge of Rear-Admiral W. A. Glassford, Commander of the Yangtze Patrol. Friends, members of the American Community in Shanghai, Consular, Diplomatic and military officials will be on hand to bid Mr. Gauss bon voyage and, weather permitting, a guard of honour from the Fourth Marines will be drawn up at the jetty to render military honours.

Describing his tour of duty in Shanghai as the high spot in a not entirely quiet career, Mr. Gauss yesterday told the "North-China Daily News" that he would be sorry to leave Shanghai but that at the same time he was glad to be going to Australia. The first American Minister to Canberra said that he would spend three weeks with his family at Balboa Island, California, upon his arrival in the United States, and later proceed overland to Washington, D. C., to report to the State Department. He expected to remain in Washington for one month and would no doubt see President Franklin D. Roosevelt before departing for Australia. Mr. Gauss said that he expected to arrive in Canberra with his family in the middle of July.

Government Career

It was only natural that Mr. Gauss should choose the government service as a career for he first saw the light of day in Washington, D. C., capital of the United States, on January 12, 1887. He followed in the footsteps of his father, who went to Washington from the state of Connecticut as a young man and who spent 45 years as an American government official. Mr. Gauss' mother also hailed from New England and he clings staunchly to this Yankee heritage by claiming the state of Connecticut as his residence.

Mr. Gauss received his education in Washington schools and at the hands of private tutors and at the age of 16 gave up his studies temporarily to become a stenographic reporter. For several years he served in the law offices of a prominent Washington attorney and during sessions of Congress was a committee stenographer with one of the important committees of the House of Representatives. These formative years gave him an excellent insight into legal, legislative and parliamentary procedure.

In 1906, after passing the Civil Service examination, he was appointed a clerk in the Department of State and assigned as secretary to Mr. Charles Denby, then the Far Eastern expert of the Department. Mr. Denby came to Shanghai as Consul-General in 1907 and Mr. Gauss accompanied him as a Deputy Consul-General. In 1909 Mr. Denby was transferred to Europe and Mr. Gauss left Shanghai for Washington with the intention of resigning and resuming his studies to prepare for the Foreign Service examinations.

Consular Bureau

Upon reaching Washington, however, he was reappointed to the State Department and assigned to the Consular Bureau where for three years he served as the head of the consular training school. Many present high consular and diplomatic officers of the American Foreign Service received their first practical knowledge of their vocation from him in this school. At the same time, he carried on his studies under private tutors and attended special lectures in colleges and universities in preparation for the Foreign Service. He passed his examinations in 1912 and early 1913 found him again in Shanghai as the senior staff officer, with the rank of Vice Consul-General. In the Spring of 1915 he was promoted to the grade of Consul and in 1916 he was transferred from Shanghai to Tientsin temporarily.

On February 3, 1917, Mr. Gauss was married to Miss R. Louise Barker, a native of Pennsylvania, a Vassar graduate and a resident of California, where the Gauss family make their home when they are in the United States. Their son, Charles Barker Gauss, was born in Los Angeles on November 1, 1919.

From Tientsin Mr. Gauss went to Amoy, where he served for four years, going thence to Tsinan, Shantung. After being promoted through the several grades of Consul he was appointed a Consul-General in 1923 and assigned to Mukden. In 1924 he was transferred to Tientsin and in the Autumn of 1926 he was detailed temporarily as Consul-General at Shanghai, serving until the Spring of 1927, when he returned to Tientsin.

Manchurian Incident

In 1931 Mr. Gauss returned to Washington for duty in the Department of State and was temporarily attached to the Division of Far Eastern Affairs during the "Manchurian Incident." He was appointed Counsellor of the American Legation at Peiping in 1933 and was Charge d'Affaires in that North-China city from October 1934 until February 1935. In the latter month he left for his new post as Counsellor to the Embassy and Consul-General in Paris and in February, 1936, he returned to Shanghai as Consul-General and Counsellor to the American Embassy in China.

It has not been announced by the U. S. State Department who will replace Mr. Gauss as Consul-General here, but in the meantime, Mr. R. P. Butrick, Executive Consul, has assumed charge of the American Consulate-General in Shanghai pending the arrival of Mr. Gauss' relief.

Hold-Up Men Escape

Four men, two of them armed, nearly were successful in relieving a lone pedestrian of 10 bags of cotton yarn on Connaught Road near Yenping Road shortly after 9.45 a.m. yesterday. The thugs sighted a police party coming towards them, however, just as they were about to decamp with their loot. Liberty evidently was more valuable to them than cotton yarn and so they rushed away. No shots were fired and no arrests made, but detectives from Gordon Road station are investigating the case at present.

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Rice Shop Owners in District Court

False Liquidation Alleged By Complainants

On suspicion that they have swindled six Chinese rice shop managers who have shops in both the Settlement and French Concession, two rice dealers who are alleged to be partners of a Settlement rice shop which went into "liquidation" recently, were brought up before the First Special District Court yesterday on a writ of detention. Both men denied that they were partners of the liquidated business and $30,000 bail was granted by the judge to each of them.

The liquidated business in question was the Yung Sheng Rice Shop, until recently located in Tientsin Road. Two alleged representatives of the shop were said to have negotiated with the six complaining rice shop managers, offering to buy large quantities of rice from the latter. The six shop managers only received part of the price money agreed to, while the rice had been sent to the buying shop.

Before they could collect the balance the Tientsin Road shop suddenly went into liquidation employing a lawyer to make an announcement to that effect, it was alleged. The closed shop still owed $48,300, it was further alleged. The Louza police were informed and as a result of official investigations, a partnership agreement paper was found. The two accused Wang Hen-sen and Tang Shiu-jen, both rice dealers, were arrested as they were suspected to be partners of the closed shop but they told the court yesterday that they were different persons.

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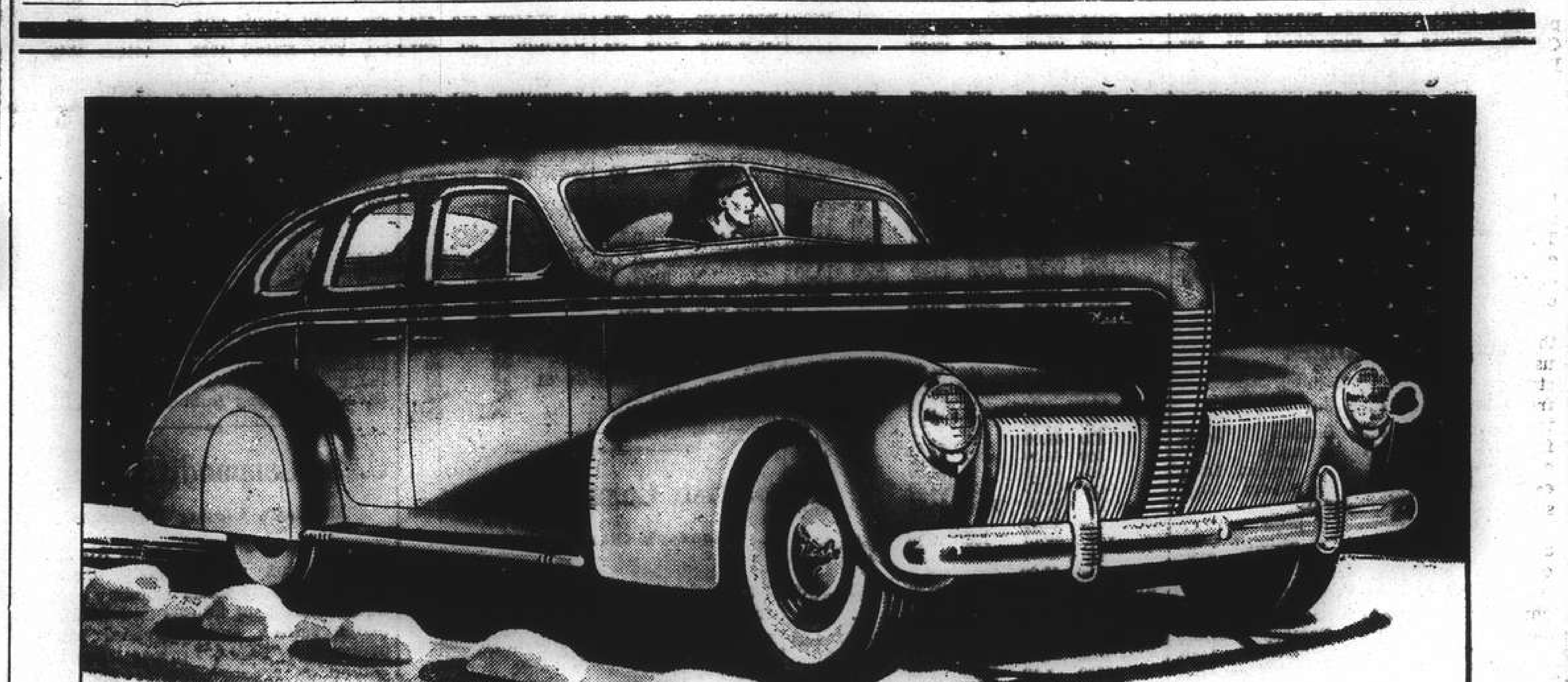

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Money and Exchange

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1940

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4$\frac{3}{32}$d.		$ 58.63
U.S. $100 @ 6		$1,666.67
Francs	301	$100
Yen	25⅝	100
Guilders	11¼	100
Rupees	22⅝	100
Pesos	12	100
Hongkong	$27⅛	100

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4$\frac{3}{16}$d.	$ 57.31
U.S. $100 @ 6$\frac{3}{16}$	$1,616.16
London—demand, $1=	4$\frac{3}{16}$d.
4 months' sight credits	4$\frac{7}{32}$d.
4 months' sight docts	4$\frac{7}{32}$d.
6 months' sight credits	4¼d.
6 months' sight docts	4$\frac{5}{16}$d.
New York—demand, $100=	U.S.6\frac{3}{16}$
4 months' sight credits	U.S.6\frac{5}{16}$
4 months' sight docts	U.S.6\frac{5}{16}$

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling ...... 4⅛d. U.S. ....6\frac{1}{16}$
Hongkong/London 1/2⅞

WEI WAH DISCOUNT

Wei Wah $1,066.00 ..........C.N.$1,000.00

NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY

Netherlands Guilders	Buying	11¾
Java Guilders	"	11⅝
Netherlands Guilders	Selling	11⅛
Java Guilders	"	11¼

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Buying U.S.$100=$1,632.653 £1=$57.744
Selling U.S.$100=$1,666.667 £1=$58.625

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Belgas 0.35½=$1 Belgas 20.80=£1

ITALIAN BANK FOR CHINA

It. Lire 1.19=$1 Swiss Frs. 0.27=$1
Tourist Lire 1.43 ....$1

HUA HSING COMMERCIAL BANK

Sterling Selling Rate @ 6d per H.H.$ 1
" Buying " @ 6$\frac{1}{32}$ " H.H.$ 1
U.S.$ Selling " @ 8⅛ " H.H.$100
" Buying " @ 9⅛ " H.H.$100
Local $ (Fapi) selling @ 144 per H.H.$100
buying @ 149 " H.H.$100

CUSTOMS OFFICIAL RATES FOR DUTY PAYMENTS

Gold Unit 1.00—Hua Hsing $2.706
Gold Unit 1.00—Local Dollar $4.035

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

	Highest	Lowest
£	4⅛	4⅛
U.S. G.$	6$\frac{1}{16}$	6$\frac{1}{16}$
Yen	—	—

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

	SELLING Cash		BUYING April
£ T.T.	4$\frac{3}{32}$	4 m/s. l.c.	4$\frac{3}{16}$
G.$ T.T.	6	4 m/s. l.c.	6$\frac{3}{16}$
Fcs. T.T.	302	4 m/s.	316
Rs. T.T.	22⅞	15 d/s.	23¼

BAR SILVER

	READY	FOR'D
London pence per std. oz.	20$\frac{7}{16}$	20$\frac{7}{16}$
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	34¾	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	56.08	—
Bombay offtake 50 bars.		

NEW YORK/LONDON CASH RATES

New York closing Rate for Cash	3.55¾
Local sellers U.S.$ for Cash	3.54
Local buyers U.S.$ for Cash	3.54½

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 4$\frac{3}{32}$ sterling and 6.– U.S.$.

The Interbank market opened with sellers for cash at 4⅛ sterling and 6$\frac{1}{16}$ U.S.$ and remained on this level throughout the day. There were slight fluctuations in forward rates, but the market was small and narrow. At the close there were sellers at:—

4⅛	sterling	6$\frac{1}{16}$	U.S.$	Cash
4$\frac{5}{32}$	"	6$\frac{1}{32}$	"	Apr.
3$\frac{15}{16}$	"	5¾	"	May

Foreign Exchanges

Closing, Apr. 1.

Bombay, Rupee T. T. on:

Japan	89½	London	1/5$\frac{31}{32}$
New York	332¾	2 mths	
Shanghai	23⅝	" sellers	1/5$\frac{31}{32}$
Hongkong	83½	" buyers	1/6$\frac{1}{32}$
		Japan	
		2 mths	
		" sellers	90⅝
		" buyers	88¾

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	402.50	Shanghai	4¼d.
Paris	176.50	Bombay	1/6$\frac{1}{32}$
Amsterdam	7.53	Hongkong	1/2$\frac{3}{32}$
Brussels	23.55	Singapore	2/4$\frac{3}{32}$
Madrid	37.00	Yokohama	1/4$\frac{1}{32}$
Milan	69.00	" (buying)	1/3$\frac{13}{16}$
Berne	17.85	Bangkok	1/10$\frac{1}{16}$

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.20	Montreal	81.750
Spain	9.95	Brazil	5.10
Holland	53.09½	Japan	23.48
Paris	2.01⅝	Shanghai	6.25
Brussels	17.11	Hungary	17.70
Italy	5.05	Rumania	0.53 N
S'zerland	22.43	Yugo Slavia	2.32 N
Sweden	23.84	Greece	0.67
Norway	22.73	Bulgaria	Unq.
Denmark	19.32	Finland	1.90
London			3.55¾
" Demand			3.55½
Buenos Aires Paper			Unq.
" " " market rate			23.25
Montreal on London			4.35¾

N—Nominal.—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London: Apr. 1.

Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	1$\frac{1}{16}$%
Bank Bills	6 months	1$\frac{1}{16}$%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	2¼%
Fine Trade Bills,	6 months	3¼%
Call Money		0⅞%

New York:

Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0½%B
	0$\frac{7}{16}$%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0$\frac{9}{16}$%B
	0½%A
Call Money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

U.S. Steel Mill Operations

New York, Apr. 1.

Steel mill activity in the United States for the week commencing April 1, was placed at 61.7 per cent. of capacity, according to the weekly report of the American Iron and Steel Institute, which was published today. This represents a gain of 1.0 per cent. over the previous week and of 7.0 per cent. of capacity over the figure for the corresponding period of last year. —Reuter.

Silver Quotations

London, Apr. 2.

Silver prices showed a substantial decline today, with quotations listed as follow:

	Apr. 1	Apr. 2
London spot	20$\frac{7}{16}$d.	20¼d.
" forward	20$\frac{7}{16}$d.	20$\frac{3}{16}$d.
" gold	168/–	168/–

—Reuter.

Cross Rates

London/New York U.S.$4.0350 59.478d.
New York/London 3.55¾ 67.46d.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

Selling pressure continued to influence the market at the opening auction and during the first hour of trading prices were rather depressed. The decline however attracted some buyers and most shares recovered from their lows, but there was no rush on the part of buyers to pay fancy prices, as a consequence the market turned very quiet.

Ewos attracted a little more attention due to a rise in yarn prices and dockyards recovered from its apathy of the past week or two, on rumours of a settlement of the strike, closing firm, with buyers at 38¼. Explorations had a large turnover and prices stood up well despite heavy selling.

Rubbers were dull and very little activity was noted. Langkats had a fair turnover, closing very steady at 32¾.

Official Averages

1940 High	Low		Today's Average	Change
340.74	105.32	General	314.36	—6.25
475.35	95.55	Rubbers	376.23	—6.90

Total 261,865 shares, 733 bonds.

Business Done

Power 5½% Debs. 10000 87.75
2000 88.00 45000 *88.00 10000 87.75
†1800 *88.00
Anglo Fr. Land Tael Debs. †3500 *96.00
American Club Tael Debs. 1000 50.00
I. I. Trust 500 24.25 500 24.00
2000 23.75 500 24.00 3500 *24.00
500 24.25 1000 *24.25 1000 24.50
†500 24.25 500 *24.50 1000 24.50
S'hai Loan 500 25.50 500 *25.25
500 25.50 500 25.25 500 *25.75
500 25.75 500 25.50 500 25.75
500 *25.50
†500 *25.50 500 *25.75 500 25.75
Yangtsze Finance 1000 15.50
1500 15.60 3000 15.70
†500 15.50 1000 15.60 1000 15.70
500 15.60 1000 *15.60
S'hai Securities 1000 5.80 1000 5.85
500 5.95 1000 6.00 3000 5.95
†1000 5.90 1000 5.85 500 5.90
Central Prop. 100 17.50
†500 17.40
Int. Assurance 2500 13.50 1500 13.60
†1000 13.60 1000 13.50 500 *13.50
500 *13.40 500 13.40 500 13.60
China Realty 1000 7.60 500 7.55
500 *7.60 500 7.55 1500 7.60
1000 7.55
†500 7.55 500 7.60 500 7.55
S'ha Land 500 14.50 500 14.40
2000 14.30 2000 *14.20 500 14.30
1000 14.40 500 *14.40 500 14.50
2000 14.40 1500 14.30
†500 14.30 1000 *14.20 1000 14.30
500 *14.30
Metro. Land †1000 13.70 500 14.00
Dockyards 100 *37.75 100 37.50
400 37.75 700 37.50 300 *37.50
300 *37.25 800 37.50 500 37.25
900 37.50 1200 37.75 200 *37.75
200 *37.50 100 37.75
†2500 37.75 300 *37.75 1200 38.00
100 *38.00 4700 38.25 2200 *38.25
200 *38.50 1700 38.50
S. & H. Wharf 150 460.00
†50 460.00
Wheelock 300 135.00 100*134.50
800 134.00 100*134.00 100 133.50
100 134.00 200 133.00
†400 133.50 100 134.00 200 134.50
C. G. Omnibus 100 29.50 100 29.25
100 29.00
100 *23.00
S'hai Gas 600 22.75 700 23.00
‡—Ex Div.
†200 23.00 500 22.75 100 22.50
100 22.75 100 22.50 100 22.25
200 *22.50
Telephone 700 29.50 700 29.75
400 29.50 500 29.75 100 29.50
†100 29.75 100 29.50
Tram (Bearer) £1 100 56.00
100 55.50
†200 55.50 200 55.00
Metal 100 27.50 600 27.25
500 27.50 100 *27.50 100 27.75
100 27.50 100 *27.50 300 27.75
100 *28.00 700 28.00 100 27.75
200 28.00 100 *27.75 400 27.75
†1200 27.75 100 *27.75 100 28.00
100 27.75 100 *27.75
Lumber 100 52.00 100 *52.00
†100 52.00
Exploration 1500 15.00 2500 *15.10
1000 14.90 3500 *14.80 1000 14.90
1500 14.80 500 14.90 1500 *14.70
500 14.70 2000 14.80 1000 14.90
1500 15.00 5500 15.10 2500 *15.10
12000 15.00 500 15.10 3500 15.00
5000 *14.90 3500 15.00
†5500 15.10 4000 15.00 5000 14.90
7000 14.80 1000 *14.70 2500 14.80
500 14.70
Power (Pref) 50‡134.75 50‡135.00
10‡135.25 100*‡135.25
Ewo Mills (Ord) 200 44.75 300 44.50
200 44.75 1400 44.50 500 44.25
100 44.00 200 44.25 300 *44.25
500 44.50 100 44.25 800 44.50
300 44.75 400 44.50 300 44.75
400 *44.75 100 *44.50 800 44.75
100 *45.00 2200 44.75 100 *44.75
100 45.00
†500 44.75 100 *44.75 1600 45.00
400 *45.00 600 45.25 100 *45.25
500 45.00
Anglo Dutch 1000 25.50 500 25.75
†300 26.00 500 25.75
Anglo Java 500 45.00
Cheng 2000 1.10 1000 1.08
5000 1.10
†1000 1.10 3000 1.12
Consolidated 2000 11.00
Kroewoek 2000 3.50 1000 3.55
†6000 3.60 1000 3.65
Langkat 100 32.50 800 32.75
300 *32.75 700 32.50 500 32.75
†300 32.75 100 *32.75
Rubber Trust 500 12.60 500 12.50
†1500 12.40
Semambu 2000 2.10
†2000 2.10
Senawang 1000 2.60 2000 2.55
1000 2.60 1000 2.62½
†1000 2.60 1000 2.65
Kelantan 13000 1.24
†1000 1.26
Sungala 500 10.00 1000 *10.00
Tanah Merah 2000 4.60 2000 4.55
1000 *4.55
†1000 4.55 1000 4.60
Tebong 3000 2.15 1000 *2.15
†2000 2.15
S. W. W. 6% (Pref) 150 *13.50

ODD LOTS

S'hai Land 300 14.30
†100 14.10
S'hai Loan 200 25.25
Exploration 200 14.70 200 15.20
†100 15.20 100 15.20 150 14.90
Telephone 30 29.75 62 29.25
Wheelock 10 136.50 11 133.50
20 134.00
Ewo Mills (Ord) 25 44.50
S'hai Securities 400 5.85
Tebong 500 2.12½
Rubber Trust 200 12.60
Int. Assurance †200 13.50
China Realty †100 7.45
Repah †168 1.92
Consolidated †25 10.90
Anglo Java †24 *44.50

*—Direct Business.
†—Afternoon Business.
‡—X.D.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Apr. 2	Bid Prices			
Atoks	.145		.145	
Antamok	.11		.11	
Baguio Gold	.215		.215	
Batong Buhay	.010		.010	S
Benguet Consolidated	5.35	*	—	
Big Wedge	.16		.16	
Coco Grove	.105		.105	S
Consolidated Mines	.003	S	.0035	S
Demonstration	.105	S	.105	S
East Mindanao	.095		.095	
I. X. L.	.325		.325	S
Ipo Gold	.0975		.0975	
Itogon	.205	S	.205	S
Masbate Consolidated	.085	S	.085	S
Mine Operations	.085		.0875	
North Camarines	Unq.		.03	
Paracale Gumaus	.175		.175	
San Mauricio	.64	S	.64	S
Surigao Consolidated	.18		.185	
Suyoc	.12		.125	S
United Paracale	.22	S	.215	S
Mindanao Motherlode	.085		.085	

*—Over counter.
S—Sales.

Turnover for the Morning: 43,600 Pesos.

Share Index: (Morning Session) 64.95. —Reuter.

February Rubber Output

	lb.
S'hai Kelantan Rubber Est., Ltd.	23,700

New York Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Apr. 1.

After showing early firmness, trading on Wall Street today turned quiet, with prices at the close showing changes of mostly fractions either way. The market early rose on investment and speculative buying, but later became depressed by profit taking and liquidation.

News generally was favourable, but operators are still adopting a cautious attitude, in view of the prevailing uncertainties.

The turnover today amounted to 750.000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	148.44	147.49	147.72	+0.23
20 Rails	30.91	30.71	30.73	—0.13
15 Utilit.	25.36	25.02	25.10	—0.12
40 Bonds	—	—	89.07	+0.10
11 Commod.	—	—	58.86	—0.14

	Mar. 30	Apl. 1		Mar. 30	Apl. 1
Adams Exp	8⅛	8	Kennecott	36⅛	36
Alg Lud	22¾	22¾	Lak F & M	*4⅛	*4⅛
Alid Stores	8⅛	8	Libbey O F	49⅛	49⅛
Allis Chal	36⅝	36⅝	Lockhood	35⅝	34⅞
Alum Ld	105	105	Loew's	35⅛	36⅛
Amer Can	115	115⅛	Loft Inc	37½	38
Am Cyan B	39	38⅞	Mack Trks	25½	25½
Am For Pr	1⅛	1⅛	Martin	44⅛	43⅛
" $7 pfd	25⅛	24⅛	Mck & R	31⅝	31⅝
Am G & E	36⅛	36	Monsanto	112¼	111½
Am Loco	20	20⅝	Mont Ward	53⅝	53⅝
Am Metal	24⅛	*24⅛	Nat City B	*29¼	*29
Am Radtr	8⅛	8⅛	Nat Avian	14⅛	14⅝
Am R Mill	15⅛	14⅛	Nat Dairy	17⅞	18
Am Smltg	50⅛	50⅛	Nat Dist	*26	26⅛
Am Sug R	*19⅛	19⅛	Nat Gyp	11	11
Am T & T	172	172⅛	Nat Lead	21½	20
Am Tob B	89	89	Nat P & L	8⅛	8⅛
Am Wtwrks	10⅛	10⅛	Nat Steel	67½	67½
Anaconda	29⅛	29⅝	Nat Supply	8⅛	8⅝
Atchison	23⅛	23	N Y Cent	16⅛	16
Auburn	1⅛	1⅛	Niag Hud	5⅝	5⅛
Bald Loco	15⅛	14⅛	N A Avian	24⅛	23⅝
Balt & Ohio	5⅛	5⅛	N Am Co	22⅛	22⅛
Barber	14⅛	15⅛	N Pacific	8⅛	8
Barns Oil	10⅛	10⅛	O I Glass	*62	62⅛
Bend Avian	34⅝	34⅝	Pac G & E	33⅝	33⅛
Beth Steel	77⅞	76	Pac Light	48⅝	47⅛
Bliss	15⅝	16	Pack Motor	3⅛	3⅛
Boeing	23	22⅝	Pan Am Air	21⅛	22
Borg War	23⅛	23⅛	Paramount	7⅞	7⅞
Brid Brass	12⅝	12	Penn R R	22⅝	22⅛
Briggs	21⅝	22	Phelps D	*36⅛	37
Bkn M Tr	22⅛	21⅛	P & R Coal	*0⅛	*0⅝
" $6 pfd	*91	*90	Phil Pet	38⅛	38
Budd Mfg	5⅛	5⅛	Pitts C & I	7⅛	7⅛
Can Pac	5⅛	6	P S of N J	42⅛	42
Case J I	*67½	68⅝	Pullman	27	26⅝
Celanese	30⅛	30⅛	Pure Oil	9⅛	9⅛
Chase N B	*34⅛	*34⅛	Radio	6⅛	6⅝
Chesapeake	40	40⅝	Reading	15⅛	15⅛
Chrysler	87	86⅛	" 1st pfd	26⅛	*26⅛
Clim Mlyb	40⅛	40	Rem Arms	*4	*4
Colt's	77⅛	79⅛	Rep Avian	6⅛	6⅛
Col G & E	6⅛	6	Rep Steel	21⅛	20⅝
" A pfd	87½	*87	Rev C & B	13⅛	13⅛
Com Credit	45⅝	45⅛	Rey Tob B	41⅛	41⅛
Com & Sth	1⅛	1⅛	Rich Oil	6⅛	6⅛
Con Edis	31⅛	31⅛	Safe Stores	50⅝	50⅛
Cons Oil	7⅛	7⅝	Schenley	13⅝	14⅝
Cont Can	47⅛	47⅛	Sears Roeb	86⅛	86⅛
Cont Oil	23	22⅝	Shell U Oil	11⅛	12⅝
Copld St	19⅝	20⅝	Soc Vac	12	12
Corn Prod	*60⅝	61	Sthrn Pac	12⅛	12⅛
Curtis Wr	10⅛	9⅛	Sthrn Rly	28⅛	27⅛
" A	28⅛	28⅛	Sperry	42⅛	43
Deere & Co	21⅛	22⅛	Spicer Mfg	37½	37⅝
Dist Corp S	19	18⅛	Std Brands	7	7
Douglas	84⅛	84⅛	Std G & E	1⅛	1⅛
Du Pont	186	185⅝	Std O of C	23	23⅛
E P Lead	11⅛	11⅛	Std Oil	43⅝	43⅛
Eaton Mfg	33⅛	34	Stone & W	10⅝	10⅛
Elec A Lite	39⅛	38⅛	Studebaker	11⅛	11⅛
Elec B & S	7⅛	7⅛	Swift Int	28	28⅛
" $5 pfd	*61⅛	62⅝	Technicor	15	*15
" $6 pfd	71	71⅝	Tex Corp	45⅛	45⅝
Elec P & L	30⅛	31	Tex Gulf	33⅝	33⅝
Fink Rub	15⅛	15⅝	Timken	24⅝	24⅛
Flintkote	20⅛	20⅛	Transamer	5⅛	5⅛
Gen Am Tr	51⅛	51⅛	Tw Cent F	11⅝	11⅝
Gen Elec	39	38⅛	" pfd	*22⅛	*23
Gen Motor	54⅝	54	Un Carbide	84	83⅛
Gen Rly	16⅛	17	Un Pacific	96	95⅛
Gen T & R	20⅛	20⅝	Un Aircraft	47½	48
Glidden	17½	17⅛	Un A Line	20⅛	21⅛
Goodrich	19⅛	18⅛	Un Corp	2⅝	2⅛
" $5 pfd	66	67⅛	" $3 pfd	39⅝	39
Goodyear	23	23⅝	Un Gas	1⅛	1⅛
Gt N Iron	13⅛	13⅝	Un Gas Imp	13⅛	13⅛
Gt N Rly	24⅛	24⅛	U S Ind Al	25	*24⅛
Gt W Sug	*27⅝	24⅛	U S Rub	35	34⅛
Greyhound	16	16	" pfd	114	114⅛
Herc Pow	96⅛	*96⅛	U S Steel	59	58⅝
Homestake	54⅛	54⅛	Vanadium	35⅛	35⅝
Int Harv	58⅝	58⅛	Vultee Air	9⅛	9⅛
Int Nickel	33	32⅝	Walworth	5⅛	5⅛
Int T & T	*4⅛	4⅛	War Br Pic	3⅝	3⅝
Johns Man	70	69	West Elec	112½	112⅛
Jones & L	60	60	Woodward	25⅛	*24⅛

BONDS

Amer. & For. Power	65	64¾
Baltimore & Ohio R.R.	26	26⅝
Brazil (U.S. of) 8% 1941	21½	22¼
" " 6½% 1957	16½	17⅜
Cities Serv. Pwr. & Lt.	87¼	87⅛
Erie R.R. 6s 1967	16⅛	16⅝
Int. Tel. & Tel.	45⅛	45¼
New England Gas & Elec.	68	*67¾
Republic of Colombia	33	33
" " " (1928) 6s '61	34	34
Sthrn. Pacific Co.	44	*44
Stand. Gas & Elec.	66⅝	66½

*—Bid.

British Commodities

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Apr. 1.

Quiet conditions prevailed in British commodity markets today.

London Rubber: Spot, buyers 11$\frac{1}{16}$ unch; sellers 11$\frac{3}{16}$ unch; May delivery, buyers 11⅛ unch; sellers 11¼ +$\frac{1}{16}$.

Liverpool Cotton: American Futures: May 7.73 unch; July 7.74 unch; Sept. 7.55 —2; Oct. 7.48 —2; Egyptian Futures (Giza, F.G.F. No. 7) No. 2 contract: May 10.29 —6; July 10.42 —7; Sept. 10.44 —7; Oct. 10.50 —7.

METALS

London Metals: Tin, Standard, cash, sellers £246¼ —2½; 3 mths sellers £243¾ —2½; Tin, Straits £266¼ to £271¼ Nominal —4¾; Antimony, China, Regulus, c.i.f. per ton £70 to £75 Nominal, unch.

New York Metals: Antimony, Chinese, in car load lots (25 tons) f.o.b. New York, duty paid, 16½ cents per lb., unch; Tin, Straits, c.i.f., New York (25 tons lots) 45⅞ —⅞; Copper, Electrolytic, first hand, 11½ cents per lb. unch.—Reuter.

Local Commodities

Yesterday's Prices

Saigon rice per shih (176 lb.)	$46.00
Cotton yn. 20's, D.H., p.b. Cash	$1,118
" " " Apr.	1,140
Tungchow cotton .. per picul	211.50
Wheat per picul (50 kilos)	$23.50
Flour, local per bag (49lb.)	13.80
Flour, export per bag (49lb.)	15.00 picul
Raw silk, Steamfil, Ex. B 13/15	$5,350
" " 20/22	5,000
" " 20/22 78%	4,900 nom.

Final Dividend of S'hai Exploration & D. Co., Ld.

Messrs. George McBain, general agents of the Shanghai Exploration & Development Co., Ltd., state that at a meeting of the directors held on April 2, it was decided to recommend to the shareholders at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the company to be held on Friday, April 26, to pay a final dividend of $0.60 per share for the year ended December 31, 1939, making $1.20 for the year.

Union Insurance Co. to Declare Final Dividend

The Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd., are in receipt of a telegram from their head office advising that at the forthcoming annual general meeting to be held on May 3, the directors will recommend the payment of a final dividend of 12 shillings and 6 pence per share for the year ended December 31, 1939.

Batu Anam General Meeting

Profit of $149,998.34 as Against $35,303.83 For 1938; Prospects This Year Encouraging

THE year's working resulted in a profit of Ch.$149,998.34 compared with Ch.$35,303.83 in 1938, due to increased prices and exchange. A dividend of seven cents per share was declared, at the 27th annual general meeting of the Batu Anam (Johore) Rubber Estates, Ltd., held yesterday at 49 Szechuen Road. Mr. A. J. Welch, (chairman) presided, supported by Messrs. L. E. Canning, H. Kadoorie, R. N. Swann, directors and Mr. W. A. Welch, representing Messrs. J. A. Wattie & Co., Ltd., secretaries and general managers. Shares present and represented totalled 377,050.

The chairman in his speech said:—

The working for the year has resulted in a profit of Ch.$149,998.34 as compared with a profit of Ch.$35,303.83 last year. This satisfactory showing is mainly attributable to the two facts that the average rate of exchange this year was only 23 as against 38 Straits cents to the Chinese dollar last year and the net proceeds received from the sales of rubber were 8.09 pence per pound as compared with only 6.43 pence per pound last year. On the other hand the output of rubber was 35,300 lbs. smaller. The expenditure per pound on revenue account was practically the same in both years.

Capital Expenditure

Capital expenditure amounted to a total of Chinese $43,709.70, of which $41,892.48 were spent on the upkeep of the immature coconut and rubber areas and the planting of 61 acres of new land with rubber, whilst $1,817.22 were spent on the erection of a creche for the children of the coolies.

On December 31, 1939 the financial position of the company showed that the liquid assets exceeded the cash liabilities by Ch.$136,452.03 of which at the present rate of exchange Ch.$37,700 will be required to cover the estimated capital expenditure during 1940.

Some of you may, no doubt, feel somewhat disappointed that your directors do not see their way to recommend a larger dividend than 7 cents per share but they take the view that their primary duty in these uncertain times is to endeavour to ensure the safety of your capital asset and in order to achieve this it is necessary to build up, as quickly as is reasonably possible, the financial stability of the company.

Prospects

As regards the prospects for the coming year, it is impossible to foretell with any degree of accuracy what the ultimate result will be but, at the moment, the outlook, especially when expressed in local currency, is more encouraging than that for the year at present under review. I base this statement on the following points:—

(a) The total output of rubber for the last year, both couponed and uncouponed, was just 65 per cent. of the standard production. This year the exportable allowance is at present 80 per cent. of a slightly larger standard production.

(b) The present price of rubber is very materially higher than the average net price realized in 1939.

(c) The ruling rate of exchange between the Straits dollar and the Chinese dollar is very much more in our favour.

Against these, however, must be put the facts that it is highly probable that there will be some reduction in the exportable quota during the second half of this year and also the distinct possibility that before long some form of taxation on excess profits or restriction on the percentage of the profit earned that may be distributed in the form of dividends will be imposed by the authorities in the straits, firstly, in order to help to pay for some small part of the expenditure necessitated by the present war in Europe and secondly to help to preserve the balance of their exchange.

For those shareholders who depend upon receiving their dividends in Chinese dollars I may say that any probable taxation that may be imposed will be more than compensated for by the lower rate of exchange now ruling.

Estate Affairs

Turning now to estate affairs the only change in the planted area during the year was the planting up of 61 acres of jungle land. The company still owns 731 acres of reserve jungle which is suitable for planting with rubber but it is not proposed to make any further extensions at the moment, beyond the 61 acres I have just mentioned.

The general standard of tapping is reported to have been maintained at a satisfactory level and the rate of bark consumption and of renewal is normal. The average area in tapping throughout the year was 676 acres, the yield per acre tapped per annum 489 lbs. and the yield per tapper per day 13.87 lbs., all of which figures show an improvement over those for the previous year.

The estate continues to sell its whole output of rubber in the form of liquid latex to Messrs. Dunlop, one of whose Estates adjoins Batu Anam, and consequently no forward sales of rubber have been made.

The standard production assessment for 1940 has been fixed provisionally at 528,400 lbs. an increase of 20,400 lbs.

Labour Supply

The supply of labour was barely sufficient for requirements owing to much replanting taking place in the neighbourhood, the greater activity in the tin industry and the demands of certain large Government projects. Health conditions were somewhat improved, the incidence of malaria being considerably less than in previous years largely owing to the anti-malarial measures that have continued in force for some years past. The average wages were 43.85 cents per day as against 44.26 cents last year.

The whole of the estate is now under a cover of light grass, all rough growths having been removed. The cost of weeding decreased from 26 cents per acre per month to 21 cents per acre per month.

Root disease continues to take its slow but steady toll of trees in the older areas in spite of all measures that were taken to control it. In the younger areas very little disease of any variety is in evidence.

Speaking generally the whole estate is now reported to be in good order and the buildings are in a reasonable state of repair.

It will later on be proposed that the directors' fees be increased from Ch.$850 per annum to Ch.$1,000 for each Director. This small increase is suggested in order to bring the fee to a figure more in keeping with the responsibilities incurred by the members of the board.

Your best thanks are due to the manager, Mr. Ridgewell, to the visiting agent and to the agents in Penang for the satisfactory result of their work during the year under review.

Mr. Ridgewell has now left the employment of the company in order to take over the management of a larger estate in the same agency and his place has been taken by Mr. Montigny. I take this opportunity of wishing both these gentlemen every success in their new ventures.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously:—

That the directors' report and statement of accounts for the year ended December 31, 1939, as presented, be adopted and passed. Proposed by Mr. A. J. Welch and Seconded by Mr. L. E. Canning.

That a dividend of 7 cents per share be paid. Proposed by Mr. A. J. Welch and Seconded by Mr. L. E. Canning.

That the sum of Ch.$1,500.00 be donated to the Central British War Fund. Proposed by Mr. A. J. Welch and Seconded by Mr. L. E. Canning.

That the sum of Ch.$300.00 be donated to the British Residents Association. Proposed by Mr. A. J. Welch and Seconded by Mr. L. E. Canning.

That the sum of Ch.$500.00 be donated to British Forces Recreation Centres. Proposed by Mr. A. J. Welch and Seconded by Mr. L. E. Canning.

That Mr. L. E. Canning be re-elected a director of the company. Proposed by Mr. Woo Chi Ming and Seconded by Mr. Chang Lih Zay.

That Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews be re-elected auditors to the company and that their fee for auditing the accounts to December 31, 1939 be Ch.$380.00. Proposed by Mr. Yang Chia Shan and Seconded by Mr. Wong Chi King.

That the directors' Fees be increased from Ch.$850.00 per director per annum to Ch.$1,000.00 for each director. Proposed by Mr. Sze Hou Sung and Seconded by Mr. Yang Chia Shan.

London Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Apr. 1.

Cheerful conditions prevailed in the markets today, with the lists showing numerous final gains, particularly among British gilt edged securities, which responded favourably to the year's National revenue returns. Gold mining issues also strengthened.

Indian Iron and Steel eased despite the declaration of an interim dividend of 12 annas per share.—Reuter.

	Mar. 29	Apr. 1
War Loan, 3½% (Red.)	£98⅝	99$\frac{1}{16}$
JAPANESE BONDS		
Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907	51	50¾
Japan 6% Stg. Loan, 1924	54½	54
	Osaka, Apr. 2.	
Kogo 5%		Y.106.27
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL		
Allied Ironfounders	14/-	14/-
Armstrong Stevens	6/-	6/-
Ass. & Elec. Indus.	39/4½	39/4½
Austin Motors, ord.	17/-	16/6
Bristol Aeroplane	15/3	15/3
British American Tob.	102/6	103/9
Cable & W., new form	60½	60½
Cammell Laird. ord.	7/1½	7/1½
Courtaulds	37/-	37/9
Distillers	67/3	66/9
Dunlop Rubber	33/9	34/-
General Elec. (Eng.)	79/10½	80/1½
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	78/6	78/6
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	13/-	12/10½
Imp. Chem. Indus.	31/9	31/10½
Imp. Tobacco	116/9	116/9
Leyland Motors	75/3	75/-
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	51/10½	52/1½
Pressed Steel, com.	17/6	17/4½
Rolls-Royce	91/3	91/3
Smethwick Drop Forgings	15/-	15/-
Tate & Lyle	54/6	54/4½
Turner & Newall	65/4½	65/9
United Steel	23/3	23/3
Vickers, ord.	18/3	18/4½
Woolworths	64/9	65/-
MISCELLANEOUS		
Anglo-Dutch	23/6	23/6
Rubber Pltn. Inv. Trust	32/6	31/9*
MINES		
Burma Corp.	9/4½	9/4½
Commonwealth Min.	Unq.	Unq.
Marman Invests.	13/9	14/3
Randfontein Ests.	38/9	38/9
Sub-Nigel	190/-	190/-
Tanami Gold Min.	6d.	6d.
Western Holdings	16/9	16/10½
OILS		
Anglo-Iranian	51/10½	52/6
Burmah	70/7½	70/7½
Mexican Eagle	6/1½	6/1½
Shell Trans. & Trad.	78/9	78/9

*—Ex dividend.

CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.

4½% Gold Loan, 1898	£58	58
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	51½	51½
4½% Anglo-French Loan	50	50
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	29	29
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	39	39
8% Stg. Notes, 1925	10½	10½
5% Honan Rly., 1905	15	15
5% Hukuang Rly., 1911	19	19
5% " " (Ger. Is.)	17	17
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	13	13
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	21	21
5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B.	13	13
5% " " G.	13	13
5% " " (Supl. Loan) B.	13	13
5% " " (Supl. Loan) G.	13	13
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	15	15
S'hai. Elec. Construction	15/-	15/-
S'hai Waterworks "A"	15	15
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	28	29½
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	9¼	9¼
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	93½	93½
" " (Col. Reg.)	93	93
Mercantile Bank of India	12⅜	12⅜
Chinese Eng. & Min.	19/-	19/-
Chosen Corp.	6/6	6/6
Pekin Syndicate	1/6	1/6
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	19/-	18/9

U. S. Commodities

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Apr. 1.

The cotton market early declined on substantially lower Bombay cables, liquidation, spot houses and Southern hedge selling and increased selling pressure. Later, prices partially rallied on shorts covering and some trade buying. Finally, the market closed easy on persistent profit taking, with quotations ranging from 6 to 9 points down.

Prices in the rubber market today moved higher on steady cables, the additional Straits Settlement war duty, more factory interest and an improved speculative demand. At the close, quotations ranged from 8 to 14 points up.

Wheat futures in Chicago today moderately advanced on the absence of rains in drought sections, large canadian exports and some speculative buying. At the final bell, gains of ⅜ to ⅝ cent. were recorded.

New York Cotton		New York Rubber	
May	10.52-53 —08		
July	10.30-31 —09		
July (N.C.)	10.46 N —06		
Oct. (N.C.)	9.78-80 —08	May	18.24-24 +14
		July	17.80-80 +08
Dec. (N.C.)	9.64-64 —08	Sept.	17.70-70 +11
Jan. (N.C.)	9.59 N —08		
Mar. (N.C.)	9.51 N —07		

N. Y. Sugar No. 3		N. Y. Sugar No. 4	
May	1.85–86 —1 B/A	May	1.43-44 —4 B/A
Sept.	1.97-98 —1 B/A	Sept.	1.40-40½ —3 B/A

Chicago Wheat		Chicago Corn	
May	104⅞-105 +⅜	May	56¾-56⅝ unc.
July	103¾-103⅞ +½	Sept.	58½-58½ +1¼
Sept.	103½-103⅝ +⅝		

Winnipeg Wheat		N. N. Silk No. 1	
May	89¼-89¼ +⅝	July	$2.62-63 —10 B/A

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

London Silver Market

London, Apr. 1.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Company and Mocatta and Goldsmid, in their monthly bullion letters, write:—There has been rather more activity in the London silver market during the past month. The sharp fall on March 26 was due to bull liquidation or the favourable report by the Senate Banking Sub-Committee on the Townsend Bill.

Normally, the London price would have fallen heavily, but, owing to restrictions on the granting of import licences, the effect was minimized.

During the final week, speculative operations were influenced by the fluctuations of sterling in New York, with London prices occasionally moving well below the parity of the United States Treasury buying price, at the free exchange rates quoted.—Reuter.

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VESSELS ARRIVING TO-DAY

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From MANILA: President Taft (Capt. O. A. Pierson), with mail, due at 10.45 a.m., Buoys 12-13. Passengers expected at Customs Jetty about 12.15 p.m. She will sail direct for San Francisco and Los Angeles at 6 a.m. to-morrow, the last tender leaving the Customs Jetty at 1 a.m.

From ROTTERDAM: Abbekerk, with mail, due 8 a.m., Holt's Wharf. Passengers expected at Customs Jetty about 9 a.m.

From NAGASAKI: Nagasaki Maru, with mail, due 2 p.m. Wayside Wharf.

DUE AT FUTURE DATES

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From GENOA			From TRIESTE		
India	29/2	6/5	Carignano	25/2	22/4
From TRIESTE			**From SOURABAYA**		
Monte Piana	20/1	4/4	Tjinegara	22/3	8/4
Conte Verde	8/3	4/4	**From HONGKONG**		
Volpi	27/2	22/4	See "China Ports" below		

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK			From SAN FRANCISCO		
G'trude Maersk	26/2	14/4	Tatuta M.	27/3	21/4
Dona Aniceta	—	15/4	**From SEATTLE**		
Memphis City	—	20/4	West Cuseta	18/3	9/4
Titania	14/3	21/4	Crown City	30/3	21/4
Grete Maersk	11/3	26/4	**From HONOLULU**		
Sagoland	—	30/4	Tatuta Maru	1/4	21/4
Hulda Maersk	22/3	6/5	**From YOKOHAMA**		
From PANAMA			Asama Maru	29/3	7/4
Hulda Maersk	1/4	6/5	**From NAGASAKI**		
From LOS ANGELES			Shanghai M.	5/4	6/4
Asama M.	11/3	7/4			
G'trude Maersk	19/3	14/4			
Tatuta M.	25/3	21/4			
Grete Maersk	1/4	26/4			
Pres. Coolidge	1/4	6/5			

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN			From MOMBASA		
Tegelberg	13/3	20/4	Tegelberg	31/3	20/4

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN			From HONGKONG		
Dairen Maru	2/4	4/4	Conte Verde	2/4	4/4
			Tjinegara	3/4	8/4

VESSELS SAILING

The undermentioned vessels are due to sail from Shanghai upon the dates indicated.

For LONDON		**For NEW YORK**	
Delagoa Maru	20/4	Laura Maersk	2/4
Durban Maru	1/5	Reinholt	4/4
For LIVERPOOL		Azuma Maru	6/4
Haruna Maru	15/4	Akagi Maru	12/4
For GENOA		N. Maersk	16/4
Abbekerk	5/4	Dona Aniceta	19/4
For TRIESTE		Titania	22/4
Monte Piana	4/4	Peter Maersk	2/5
C. Verde	7/4	Kinai Maru	7/5
For COLOMBO		Gertrude Maersk	16/5
Tokiwa Maru	9/4	**For San FRANCISCO**	
For BOMBAY		Asama Maru	8/4
Onoe Maru	4/4	Tatuta Maru	28/4
Nagato Maru	7/4	**For SEATTLE**	
For CAPETOWN		West Cuseta	13/4
Tegelberg	22/4	Crown City	24/4
For JAVA		**For KOBE**	
Tjisadane	4/4	Kasima Maru	14/4
Tjinegara	11/4	**For NAGASAKI**	
For HONGKONG		Nagasaki Maru	4/4
Tatuta Maru	22/4	**For DAIREN**	
For MANILA		Dairen Maru	5/4
P. Maersk	5/4	Tsingtao Maru	9/4
Gertrude Maersk	15/4	Dairen Maru	12/4
Nitta Maru	1/5	Hoten Maru	12/4
		Tsingtao Maru	16/4
		Dairen Maru	19/4

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ABBEKERK. The H.E.A. Line ms. Abbekerk, from Rotterdam, Amsterdam and Antwerp arrived on April 3, and is discharging her cargo at the Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bs/L for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. All risk of fire at Wharf and Godowns to be borne by Consignees. All claims against this steamer must be sent in within 10 days after arrival otherwise they will not be recognized. Damaged cargo will be examined at the above Wharf by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy on Tuesday, April 9, at 9 a.m. It is necessary to produce Bills of Lading also Shippers Invoice at the Examination. Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V. General Agents, Holland East Asia Line, 135 Szechuen Road. Tel. Nos. 16247 (4 Lines). 6-4

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Kiangnan	T'lungkong	C.F.P.K.
Foosheng	Hsinkong	C.C.T.
Anwoo	Hsinkong	Dah Hsing
Heini	Sungmen	G.F.E.
Laura Maersk	Hongkong	Maersk L.
Avemaria	T'lungkong	C.F.P.K.
Hellenic Trader	Haiphong	Ch. Hellenic
Reinholt	U.S.A.	De La Rama
Protes	Rangoon	H.G.&R.
Peter Maersk	Japan	Maersk L.
Naglsan M.	Miike	M.B.K.
Cripple Creek	Kobe	A.P.L.
Tyosa M.	Keelung	T.K.K.
Kiku M.	River Ports	T.K.K.
Hungyun M.	T'lungkong	C.F.P.K.
Tawha	T'lungkong	Quen Kee
Whatung	T'senkong	Quen Kee
Lipari	T'lungkong	C.F.P.K.
Chekiang M.	Tsungming	T.K.K.
Needwood	Tientsin	T.K.K.
Sandro Sandri	Ningpo	C.F.P.K.
Dahpu	Saigon	Wallem

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Taiko M. 18	Jap.	T.K.K.
Hailung	Chi.	Hwa Tai
Nantung M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Hanna	Ger.	Carlowitz
Shanghai M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Chingning M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Kronviken	Nor.	D.K.K.K.
Tsingtao M.	Jap.	D.K.K.
Azalea City	Am.	Wallem
Taityu M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Durban M.	Jap.	N.Y.K.

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Luzon	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
D. de Lagree	Fr.	Gbt.	K.S.D.
Fran. Garnier	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
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For Calcutta
SYUNKO MARU ..... Apr. 12

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British and French flags were everywhere in the beautifully-decorated room. Facing the tables was a huge Union Jack spread out on the wall. At each side of this was a French tricolor and mounted on the Union Jack, were portraits of His Majesty the King, President Lebrun and a photograph of General Gamelin, Commander in Chief of the Allied Forces, and Viscount Gort, the British Commander. On all the tables long red, white and blue strips were prominently displayed.

Many and varied were the toasts which were drunk in champagne during the happy function. First of all came "The King," proposed by a French soldier. After this had been drunk to the strains of the National Anthem, a British sergeant proposed "The President of the French Republic." Standing stiffly at attention the whole assembly lustily sang the "Marseillaise."

Camaradesie

A sumptuous repast had been provided by the French soldiers for their British allies in Shanghai and full justice was done to the host of good things which made their appearance at regular intervals during the function. It was during this period that the British guests tried their hand at "soldier French," while their French hosts replied in "poilu English."

"Bong," said the Britons, "Tres Bong." "Good," said the Frenchmen, "Very good." And so it went on during the dinner as guests and hosts, sitting alternately, tried their hand at each other's language. Then came more toasts. British soldiers fighting in France and their French allies on the western front were remembered. The British and French Navies received loud applause. Even "Old 'itler's" moustache came in for ribald comment.

Impressive Ceremony

Perhaps the most impressive ceremony at this exceedingly impressive function was that in which the French hosts solemnly pinned to the tunics of their British allies a medal on which replicas of the French and British flags were crossed in the bonds of friendship. This was followed by more cheering and then an impromptu concert, in which both guests and hosts participated, started.

After a speech of welcome by Adjutant-Chef Ed. Sitterle of the French Forces, Lance-Sergt. W. G. Perkins of the East Surrey Regiment replied and thanked the French hosts for their display of friendship and generosity. The evening concluded with hearty handshakes, more songs and the impressive singing of both countries' national anthems.

Anglo-Yugoslavian Trade Prospects

First Step in Blockade Drive in Balkans Seen In Impending Parleys

London, Apr. 2.

Dr. Ivo Belin, vice-governor of the Yugoslav National Bank, arrived in London yesterday. He will conduct negotiations with the British Government on matters which will include the questions of Britain's trade with Yugoslavia, and the Allied blockade of Germany.

Preliminary soundings have been made in Belgrade as to prospects of a war-time trade agreement between Britain and Yugoslavia and this goal, Reuter understands, will be kept in view during the talks.

On Yugoslavia's side there is a desire for easier currency arrangements between the two countries. A comprehensive agreement to stimulate mutual trade is desired by both sides.

In view of the imminent arrival of the Rumanian trade delegation in London, and the opening of conferences between British Ministers recalled from the Balkans and Lord Halifax, these Anglo-Yugoslavian conversations fit closely into the pattern of more vigorous diplomacy which the Allies are beginning to weave in south-eastern Europe.—Reuter.

Control in Adriatic Possible

London, Apr. 1.

Allied contraband control may soon extend to the Adriatic if the rumours that 27 German steamers are soon expected at Dubrovnik, there to load Yugoslavian wheat and minerals for transport to the Reich via Italian railways, prove true.

This roundabout shipment of Yugoslavian goods to Germany was supposed to have been decided because Yugoslav railways are unable to carry the burden of German requirements. These rumours are given little credence in Allied circles, as it is assumed that Germany is aware of the fact that her ships would be seized as soon as they ventured outside Italian waters.

Allied intervention in the Black Sea is held by well-informed circles to be highly improbable for the time being, and would be entirely dependent on the amount of help Germany is receiving from Russia. The conviction is gaining ground here that Russia is extremely reluctant to face open hostilities with the Allies, as she is conscious of her inability to give battle in either economic or military fields. In fact, certain Soviet circles have even given to understand that the U.S.S.R. is willing to sign an agreement with Britain and France binding her not to re-ship goods that enter her ports to Germany.

These semi-official indications are received with some distrust in official circles, and Allied leaders emphasize that the policies of Britain and France will be dictated by concrete facts, notably the extent of Russia's commercial dealings with the Reich.

The seized Soviet steamers will not be released, and other seizures will probably be forthcoming, it is declared.—Havas.

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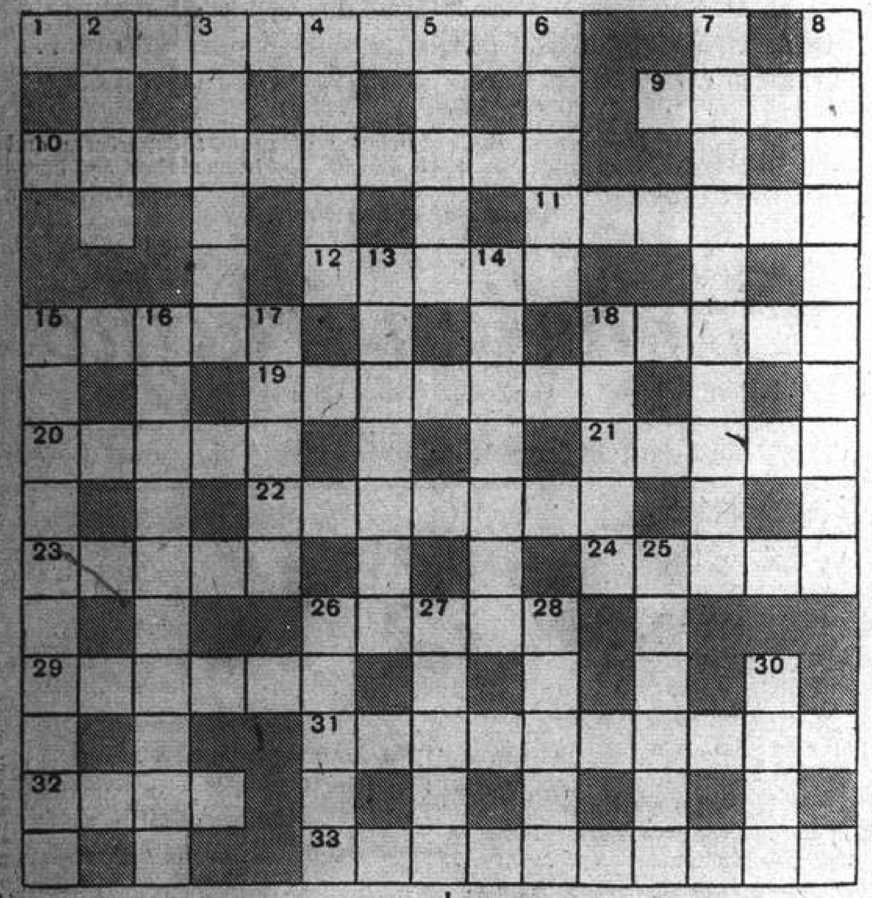

ACROSS

1 These may be appropriate to a certain degree (three words)
9 Bass is quite below him
10 It's sad about that cut-up baronet being exiled (two words)
11 Spoken prelude to a run-out? (two words)
12 Concise in the better sense
15 A bit thick, from the motorist's point of view
18 A famous sailor
19 If it had one over the eight it wouldn't deserve its name
20 Taking French leave?
21 Defective blackout, evidently
22 Could be thicker apparently (two words)
23 Double this and you won't understand it
24 You may not understand this even single, unless you have 1 across
26 It is straight from the horse's mouth
29 This is by no means simple
31 It boasts some expensive links (two words)
32 Just a breather
33 He thinks he knows the shape of things to come

DOWN

2 O.T. character mixed in 31 across
3 The whole of this is in parts
4 The first bow
5 To discover its origin follow your nose
6 This invites attention
7 Buttons, the new page, did start with it, of course (two words)
8 He might be a gentleman, but not by profession (two words)
13 How to test whether a substance is poisonous or not (two words)
14 Filling in the dotted line?
15 Transparent nonsense
16 While ears are this beheaded, earrings may be this
17 One meets it before the middle ages
18 Any young man's young woman
25 Sailor in full song
26 Not a common drink
27 Not a common dwelling
28 A common area
30 Uncommon description of anything Goebbels says

Y'DAY'S SOLUTION.—ACROSS: 1, Trick Cyclist; 9, Sea-lion; 10, Passion; 11, Alps; 12, Amain; 13, Hero; 16, Sirloin; 17, Grinder; 18, Niggard; 21, Parking; 23, Toil; 24, Rally; 25, Slum; 28, Outcome; 29, Shot-gun; 30, Beyond recall. DOWN: 1, Trapper; 2, Isis; 3, Kinsman; 4, Yapping; 5, Lost; 6, Stipend; 7, Assassination; 8, Encouragement; 14, Topaz; 15, Mitre 19, Gristle; 20, Dead-end; 21, Pelisse; 22, Illegal; 26, Polo; 27, Sofa.

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TYPIST lady wanted. Perfect English is essential. State experience and salary required. Please reply Box 2940, NCDN. -5547

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SPACE suitable for printing press, French Concession or Settlement, not north of the Creek. Address Box 2936, NCDN. -5539

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LOST, one Delivery Order No. L1266 dated 13-3-1940 issued by Tung Yih Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd., covering seven bales of 42s/2 "Moh Dih" cotton yarn. The above delivery order is hereby declared null and void. Poh Yih Chong. 11631

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TO LET, attractive small residence, French Concession, with two bedrooms, two baths, one very large living-room, central heating, verandah, garden, available at once. Monthly rent US$35. Apply General Investment Co., 233 Nanking Road, Room 122. -5546

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